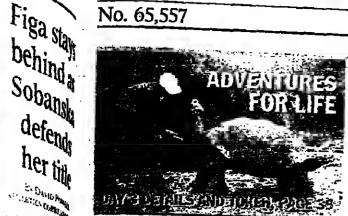
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DOUBLE MAN

Boris Yeltsin as never seen before **PAGE 19**



Gap between good and bad attacked

Standards in schools 'are still slipping'

SIR Claus Moser, the Oxford don who made a speech six years ago which ignited public anxiety over education, gave a warning last night that standards had slipped still further. The former Warden of

Wadham College, an adviser to the Prince of Wales, welcomed recent government ini-tiatives in schools. But he argued that underachievement had become even more serious since 1990.

In a speech to the Royal Society of Arts in London Sir Claus said that Britain was lagging behind Western Europe and the Far East There was a widening gap between the "good educational lives of the few and the poor ones of the many.

He said that among the

most serious concerns were: Ulliteracy: a serious and "disgraceful" problem. National tests of 11-year-olds showed only 44 per cent of H-year-olds reaching the expected level in English.

☐ Innumeracy: schools paid too little attention to arithmetic and British nine-yearolds came third from bottom in a table of 14 countries.

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School buildings: many children were left in "appalling conditions". A survey estimated thar £3 billion was needed over the next five years just to keep schools open.

☐ Vocational courses: these left the workforce short of "middle qualifications" — cru-

cial to economic success. Before his address Sir Claus said he had been shocked to find that one in II teenagers was leaving school without qualifications. This was one in five in the most deprived areas. The gap between good comprehensive schools and appalling ones is



Sir Claus: Britain lags behind Europe and East

still widening," Sir Claus said.
"There are plenty of good comprehensives in Scotland and in rural areas and then there are schools that none of us would send our children to."

Sir Claus, a former head of the Government's statistical service, added: "The more I have looked at developments over the last five years, the more I have been dismayed that the emphasis all the time is on making sure that the abler children and the slightly more privileged are not handicapped. The bottom half is even worse off."

Almost six years ago, Sir Claus told the British Association for the Advancement of Science that the 1990s should be designated a "decade for education." The speech prompted a welter of govern-ment initiatives and Sir Claus founded the independent National Commission on Education with the backing of the Prime Minister. But last night Sir Claus said that young people were no better off than

He accused ministers of putting electoral advantage above the interests of pupils in

their counterparts 20 years

framing policies on education vouchers, grammar schools and the expansion of the Assisted Places Scheme. "It is all about politics, not about children," he said.

Pinning his hopes on a Labour government to arrest the decline in standards, Sir Claus challenged Tony Blair to prove his party's commitment by earmarking at least an extra £3 billion a year for education. He said Labour policy statements, with the exception of opposition to selective education, were freer of dogma than the Tories'.

Sir Claus called for nursery education, primary schools and the teaching profession to be given priority by an incom-ing administration. "On these the entire structure rests, and they should come before anything else in thought, research and resources in the opening years of a new government."

Nursery vouchers should be scrapped and replaced by a phased programme of provision for three and four-year olds, with primary school funding improved. Sir Claus hoped that grammar and grant-maintained schools would become first-class comprehensives" serving children of all abilities and backgrounds.

A spokesman for Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, said it was "nonsense" to suggest that the reforms were policically inspired.
David Blunkett, the Shadow

Education Secretary, said: This is a clear and ringing indictment of the Government's education policies. Little has improved and the Secretary of State should be ashamed. Sir Claus could not be clearer: standards are unacceptably low."



National Gallery accused of ruining paintings

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

in their entirety as swiftly as

The Bulletin report descri-

bed the restoration of two

paintings by Giampietrino, an

early 16th-century student of

da Vinci. The report noted that

Giampietrino would apply a final layer of walnut oil and

A similar claim about medi-

eval art was made in 1950 by

the scholar Sir Ernst

Gombrich, one of the first

people to express fears about

the gallery's cleaning prac-tices. He was rebuked by the

Trafalgar Square art estab-lishment When Mr Daley

resin to tone down colours.

THE National Gallery, which will this month unveil a major restoration, has come under attack for its "secretive" art cleaning policies and for a series of scientific "blunders" since the Second World War that have altered the look of

Old Masters.

A New York audience heard Michael Daley, a British art campaigner, accuse the London gallery of "ruining" a number of valuable paintings, including work by Titian, Veronese and Giampietrino. Mr Daley said he "feared the worst" over Holbein's masterpiece The Ambassadors, which the gallery has spent three years cleaning. The 1533 double portrait will go on show on April 29, coinciding with a BBC television

documentary. Mr Daley, a member of the peppery pressure group Artwatch, gave a lecture to the Arts Students League in Manhattan. He quoted from the latest edition of the National Gallery's small-circulation Technical Bulletin which admits, in an apparent volte face. that medieval artists were known to use a final, thin layer

parts of their work. Such a the anention of Sir Ernst. 87. the old man expressed great theory has long been resisted by the gallery's cleaning ex-perts, Mr Daley said. He seared that the cleaning delight and said "there is now

more joy in heaven". Mr Daley said he had been solvents used by the gallery refused access to the Holbein often destroyed those tonal during the cleaning process and had not been allowed to layers, altering the artistic balance of great works and see restorers' dossiers. Not robbing them of subtlety.
Things which were once different become more equal." he were the solvenis disclosed. He feared the chemicals used by the gallery in past restorasaid. The National Gallery tions had again been used, and he did not like to predict conducted "the most ferocious cleaning" with solvents of any what they might have done to the painting's finish. gallery in the world and was guilty of "removing varnishes

Last night, however, Martin Wyld, the chief restorer at the National Gallery, dismissed the idea that the gallery had been "secretive".

Everybody who knows about German Renaissance paintings has been in to see The Ambassadors. Over the past three years, several dozen scholars, curators and conservators from museums in this country, and in Europe and America, have seen n twice during its treatment, at the beginning and the end. All national newspaper art critics were also invited at the beginning and end."

Asked why he had refused Continued on page 2, col 5



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Duke and **Duchess to** stay 'bestest of friends'

BY ALAN HAMILTON AND EMMA WILKINS

THE Duchess of York deyesterday that she remain the bestest of friends" with her estranged husband as the couple, and 28 other petitioners, were granted a divorce in their absence in the High Court's Family Division. The hearing lasted less than three minutes.

Under the rubber-stamp simplicity of "quickie" divorce procedure there was no need for either party to be present. Apart from judge and clerk, the only other occupants of the

6The damage to the Royal Family comes from our having higher expectations of them?

William Rees-Mogg, page 20

small and simply furnished courtroom in Somerset House were a petitioner in an entirely different case objecting to costs and 25 reporters. While the hearing was in

ogress, the Duc ged from her Swiss skiing chalet at Verbier, where she is spending a week's holiday with the couple's children -Princess Beatrice, seven, and Princess Eugenie, six.

She said she and the Duke

had spoken by telephone be-fore the hearing. "I speak to him every day. The children are well; everyone is well. Our children are very secure and happy children because they know their mother and father are the bestest of friends."

Asked if this was the saddest day of her life, she said: "Yes, I would say that was an understatement. It's very sad, of

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course it's sad. It was a personal decision between Andrew and I and no one else was involved." Asked about her future, she said: We'll

take every day as it comes."

The Duke was at the former marital home in Sunninghill. Berkshire, preparing to drive to work at the Royal Navy base at Portland, Dorset, on his way to weekend exercises in Scandinavia.

Having been granted a decree nisi yesterday, the Duke need only apply by post in six weeks time for the decree to be made absolute - when the ten-year marriage will be over.

The formal ending of the royal union was in the sharp-est of contrasts to its beginning. The couple married in July 1986 in Westminster Abbey before a worldwide television audience of 500 million.

The only grounds for di-vorce given, and the only ones necessary, were that the couple had been separated for at least two years, and that both parties consented.

Duchess's future, page 4



know that you're still *my bestest fri*en*d*"

Peres is urged to continue attacks

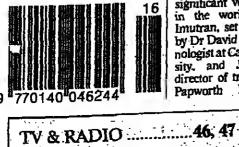
Israel's top military officer in Lebanon has issued an un-precedented challenge to Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, urging him not to order a swift end to the attacks on Lebanon.

The intervention by Brigadier-General Giora Inbar has prompted a political dispute about the conduct of the

Fall in jobless

The Government welcomed an unexpectedly large fall in unemployment yesterday after the number of people out of work and claiming benefit dropped by 25,700 ___ Page 25

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Pig heart pioneers win global backer By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

THE prospect of the first pig-to-human transplant moved closer yesterday after the international drug firm. Sandoz Pharma, bought the tiny British company that has pioneered the research. Two Cambridge scientists, who set up the privately

owned company Imutran, became the first in the world last year to transplant pigs' hearts into monkeys, overcoming the problem of rejection. They said that they planned to perform the first pig-to-human transplant this year.

There is a global shortage of organ donors and the poten-tial demand is huge. In Britain there are 6,000 people on the official waiting list for organs and 30,000 are waiting in America. Sandoz, the Swissbased multinational, said it was buying Imutran in a multimillion pound deal "to realise the potential of the technology in the shortest possible time."

The deal, the exact size of which is being kept secret, is a significant vote of confidence in the work pioneered by Imutran, set up 12 years ago by Dr David White, an immunologist at Cambridge Univer-sity, and John Wallwork, director of transplantation at Papworth hospital, Cam-

bridge. Dr Waltwork said yesterday that the purchase would ensure their work would go forward. "We said last year that we would do the first human transplant this year if progress continued in the lab and we overcame certain regulatory issues. That

is still the posicion." Dr Wallwork said it would "probably not" make him a millionaire when account was taken of other investors in Imutran. The company was founded by Dr White and Dr Wallwork with Ian Kent, a Cambridge businessman, in 1984 and today has 45

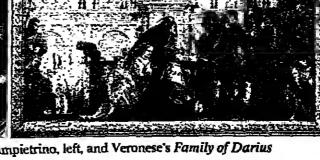
The company has bred a herd of generically modified pigs by injecting human genes into pig embryos to provide the organs for the crossspecies transplants, known as xenotransplants. Imutran's aim is to breed thousands of genetically modified pigs from which organs can be harvested.

In experiments last year, 18 transgenic pig hearts trans-planted into monkeys were still beating up to 60 days later. Normally a pig's heart would turn black and be rejected within two minutes of being transplanted into

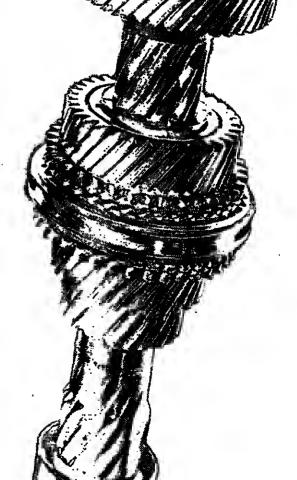
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Salome by Giampietrino, left, and Veronese's Family of Darius



Destination unknown as Short steams ahead

IT is often difficult to imagine refreshing, therefore, to find a an MP actually doing any of the jobs on which she or he offers opinions. To the late Reginald Maudling, who as plump President of the Board of Trade complained at how long it took the British worker to build a car. Dennis Skinner once shouted: "An' 'ow long would it tek you, fats?" The

arrow punctured. Yesterday, Michael Fabricant (C, Mid Staffs) spluttered that unlike Labour MPs, he had real experience of engineering, but it was not easy to visualise the strawberry blond Mr Fabricant in oily overalls, at the lathe. How

debate about trains led by Labour's Transport Spokeswoman, Clare Short. Ms Short is one of the few MPs it is possible to picture driving a steam engine.

Fresh from her tax gaffe and opening the debate on Railtrack, her locomotive skills were now on trial. From her cab at the dispatch box, Driver Short checked the Labour train coupled behind her.

It boasted many carriages, including a couple of afterlunch sleeping cars. for (by contrast to the Tories) the Opposition had turned out in force. You cannot say Labour

Major refuses to

pander to the 'reckless' Right

FROM JILL SHERMAN IN PRAGUE AND PHILIP WEBSTER



is a very sleek train, a highspeed train or even a Sprinter: a distinctly mixed train, but at least they are all hitched together these days, on the same track and more or less willing to be hauled along, groaning a bit, in the same

From the corner, standing in the shadows, wary Chief Signalman (and Whip) Dewar, watched, eyes hooded, as Ms Short's train pulled out of the station. Warm cheers from the Labour benches sustained

Driver Short was nervous. Consulting her handwritten notes, she wobbled but was never quite derailed. Clattering over the points she tried a little clumsily to hitch up carriages from Northern Ireland, reminding Ulster MPs that their railways too faced privatisation, and inviting their votes. Gathering momentum and confidence, she took the parliamentary equivalent of wet leaves on the line - a scripted joke about tax at speed and with courage. She made it through with

A Tory vandal, Patrick Nicholls (Teignbridge) lobbed bricks on to the line, in the form of a sneer at the erstwhile British Rail: but they were quickly crushed and she steamed on. in all this she was much

encouraged by Stoker Prescont. Labour's Deputy Leader kept up a rumble of growts. cheers and gestures in her

Driver Short: "This is very important indeed."
Stoker Prescott: "Absolute-

ly! Grrr .. Driver Short: "Railtrack issued a false prospectus." Stoker Prescott: "Like the

Tory manifesto! Grrr ... Then she approached a tricky junction just a shade fast Labour would increase the efficiency of the railways. she gabbled. A Tory tried to throw the points: "How?" he

interrupted With higher levels of investment," she countered, still. on track.

Young tried to throw the next

Transport Minister George

set of points. "I'm interested in that remark about investment," he said, craftly, Where from?"

"Public/private partnerships," wobbled Short, Stoker Prescott waved a volume of Labour's proposals for partnerships. Ratiled but on track. Short clattered on.

Where, ultimately, this train is going remains unclear. Important junctions lie ahead, and Thin Controller Tony Blair has a timetable of his own. But sketchwriters (we trainspotters of the parliamentary world) returned to Thermos flasks yesterday with no accident to report.

Publisher withdraws 'racist'

IO book A book that claims black people are less intelligent than white people has been withdrawn by the publisher.
John Wiley & Sons said the author, Chris Brand, had made "repellent" assertions in his book The g Factor. General Intelligence and its Implications, due to be launched today. Mr Brand. a psychology lecturer at Edinurgh University who describes himself as a scientific racist, said the decision was "stupid and cowardly". He is seeking legal advice. Stu-dents at the university have asked that he be removed as

Sex case acquittal

their lecturer.

Donald Madeod, 55, a Free Church of Scotland professor of theology, was acquitted in Edinburgh of one charge of alleged victim said the attack happened a year carlier than the date on the charge sheet. The trial continues on five assault, involving five which the professor

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The Ministry of Defence last night refused to accept a claim by the parents of Louise Jensen, the 22-year-old Dutch girl killed by three Royal Green Jackets soldiers in Cyprus, that the Army was partially responsible for her death. But the ministry confirmed that any claim from .. Poul and Anette Jensen for compensation would be treated "sympathetically"....

Killer locked up

A man who stabbed an academic to death at York University and wandered round the campus in her clothes, was sent to a secure hospital indefinitely by Leeds Crown Court. Robin Pask, 34, from a Bolton, Greater Manchester. admitted the manslaughter of Elizabeth Howe, 34, on the grounds of diminished responsibility while attending an Open University course.

Driver free

Philip Hackwell. 29, who bundled an unconscious ornan into his boot thinking he had killed her in a car accident. was given a sus-pended eight-mouth sentence at Ipswich Crown Court for trying to pervert justice. He freed her when she banged on the lid. He was banned for 12 months and fined £100 for careless driving

Protest at editor.

More than 170 journalists at the Financiol Times passed a vote of no confidence in the paper's editor. Richard Lanbert, and his deputy, Andrew Gowers, in protest at pro-posed job cuts. Six staff on the picture desk are to be made redundant and 16 subeditors have been told their six-month employment con-

Henry Hodge, the Law Society council member who fooght unsuccessfully against Martin Mears for the presidency last year, is resigning after 12 years. Mr Hodge, 52, who is taking up a part-time post with the Legal Aid Board, said be thought the Law Soriety, under its research. Law Society, under its pres-

A drama script idea about a young man who falls in love with a travelling salesman has won the £10,000 Deunis. Potter Play of the Year Award. Glasgow playwright John Milarky's "outline" submission for his play Lak A Note To Follow Sok will be made into a television for his play Lak A Note To Follow Sok will be made into a television for his play Lak A Note To Follow Sok will be made into a television drama. The award goes to playwrights of exceptional promise.



Dr Mawhinney at a news conference yesterday. He was unrepentant about his attack in an interview.

with senior MPs criticising an JOHN MAJOR let it be early morning outburst by Brian Mawhinney yesterday known last night that he would resist pressure for radiin which he accused a BBC cal right-wing policies after interviewer of suggesting the Tories should dump the the Tories' drubbing at the Staffordshire by-election last

Prime Minister". The Prime Minister told The party chairman, who senior colleagues that he reremained unrepentant about garded demands for hefty tax his attack on Radio 4's Today cuts as "reckless and silly" and presenter Sue MacGregor, he has made plain that he will was accused by some colleagues of having chosen the not be pushed into a panic Cabinet reshuffle to restore wrong target in attacking a respected journalist with a reputation for fairness, and of the Tories' fortunes. His firm line emerged amid a fresh outbreak of Conservative tenhanding ammunition to Labsions over the party's plight our. The angry exchange over-



Sue MacGregor was accused during an interview of calling for the Tories to dump Mr Major

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shadowed the launch of the Conservative and Labour local election campaigns. When Ms MacGregor re-

minded Dr Mawhinney that in 1990 the Tories had "got rid of" the poll tax and Margaret Thatcher, and suggested the party would have to do something equally dramatic to avoid losing more council seats, Dr Mawhinney exploded.

What you have just suggested to me in front of the nation is that we should dump the Prime Minister," he said. You drew the parallel with Mrs Thatcher and that is a ludicrous and indefensible question and if you think I'm annoyed with you it is because it is that kind of smeary question by Today programme presenters which so annoys people who listen to this programme up and down

Labour accused the Tory chairman of trying to "bully" the BBC and professed themselves so delighted by his "tantrum" that they replayed the interview to journalists attending the launch of their

council election campaign.
John Prescott said: "I must thank the Tory chairman for blurting out what is really being thought by most Tory 60 telephone calls yesterday

MPs at the moment — dump the Prime Minister." He added: "We will be keeping a very wary eye on the BBC to make sure they do not cave in in the face of the orchestrated campaign of intimidation being led by a desperate, rattled and incompetent Mr Mawhinney."

The Today programme stood its ground and a spokesman insisted its presenters would not change their interviewing style. "We believe Sue MacGregor's question was completely justified and perti-

But Mr Mawhinney's supporters said his attack had been justified. It echoed the stream of letters received at Conservative Central Office suggesting that the programme was tough on the Tories and soft on Labour. One said the Tories had taken backing Mr Mawhinney.

The jittery atmosphere among Tory MPs has been heightened by persistent sug-gestions by informed Westminster sources that the decision to hold the Staffordshire South-East by-election last Thursday was taken against the advice of Mr Mawhinney, who wanted it to be held on the day of the local elections next month in order to get the bad news out of the way on the same day. Il is said that Mr Major overruled the advice because he wanted to observe the convention that the by-election be called within three months of the death of

the former MP. Mr Major's supporters have in turn complained that the campaign was not well-run and have accused the organisers of failing to warn

him how bad the result could be. Friends say that he remains shaken by the scale of the near 14,000 reverse.

The Prime Minister, who flew to Prague yesterday on a four-day tour of Eastern Europe, has effectively rejected the demand of John Redwood, whom he defeated for the leadership last year, for "a moral crusade in tax cutting and a shift to the right on Europe. Mr Major told colleagues yesterday that he had no intention of changing tack to suit his critics. "Judge me on my record. he has told

Mr Major has made clear that tax cuts cannot be considered in isolation and must be weighed against public spending commitments and plans. "You cannot do anything in isolation," he has said. "You have to look at the public

expenditure side and public commitments." Mr Major is determined the

Government is not seen to panic after the Staffordshire defeat or the expected bad result in the May local elections. He has indicated that no early reshuffle is on the cards and he may not even carry one out in July. He has told friends that he has not even started reshuffling his ministers in spite of continual reports that one or other is to be dropped. "People say it's July so there must be a reshuffle."

The Prime Minister has voiced strong doubts over whether there will be any further defectors. Nevertheless his cautious approach to tax cuts will appeal to any Tory dissidents who may be considering jumping ship.

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the interest of justice, not for

the interest of the privileged.

And we want power so that we

can share it with the people of

our nation from whom it has

Peter Riddell, page 8

Cook signals return to values of 'old' Labour

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ROBIN COOK raised the banner of the Labour Left yesterday with a powerful speech in which he committed the party to protecting the poor, strengthening union links and increasing earnings for the low paid.
The Shadow Foreign Secre-

tary set out a hard-line approach to reversing Tory policies claiming that Labour would be the party of "social

In language far removed from that used by Tony Blair last week. Mr Cook under-lined Labour's commitment to equality and community, making the most vulnerable in society the party's first priority

in government. While Mr Blair used last week's visit to the US to emphasise the party's new centre-ground image. Mr Cook stressed its commitment to maintaining traditional Labour values. Mr Cook's speech to the Scottish Trades Union Congress was hailed by Labour traditionalists as sending a clear signal to the leadership to avoid further moves to the Right.

Against nervousness among Scottish Labour activists over the party's direction, Mr Cook mapped out a strategy based on equality and community, in which low pay, poverty and unemployment would be the first targets. The poor may be

many times more than top taxpayers, but they get a tenth of the public attention," he said. "Labour must speak for the poor. We must do it because our values of equality and community make us the party of social solidarity.

Because each of us under-

stands that if we accept a society that does not help those

ber. Mr Cook is viewed by Labour's traditional wing as pivotal in preventing the party moving away from its socialist



speak for the poor"

cy has reassured some back-benchers that traditional Labour values will be protected. Far from pitching for the middle-ground from which Labour has captured many Tory votes, Mr Cook said that Labour's bid for power would benefit the poorest. "We want power so that we can use it in

who are vulnerable and weak, then it will not help us when we are vulnerable and weak." As the most prominent leftwing Shadow Cabinet mem-

roots. His role in overseeing



While Mr Cook did not stray from established policy. he set a very distinctive tone in a speech from which the term "new Labour" was conspiciously absent How-ever. Mr Blair's aides were keen to point out that the speech had been written with the leader's agreement.

Grant Ren and Barbara Folleti

been taken."

accepted undisclosed libel damages in the High Court yesierday over a column by Anne Robinson in Today newspaper which questioned the sincerity of their fundraising activities for the

Labour Party.
News (UK) Ltd. publishers
of the paper until its recent
closure, its former editor, Richard Stott, and Miss Robinson accepted that the attack went beyond legitimate polittracts would not be renewed. Law resignation

ent leadership, was becoming "a bit of a laughing stock".

Potter award

Gallery accused of art 'blunders'

Continued from page 1 to show the dossier to Mr

Daley, he said: "We've shown him a great many restorers" dossiers in the past. We lend to restrict access to these work-ing-notes to experts in the field.

"As for the Giampietrino work, Mr Daley has confused an oil layer and a varnish layer exactly as he accuses restorers of doing. What was found on Giampetrino's Christ Carrying the Cross was a glating layer of brown oil paint, not varnish. Like all oil ayers, it has dried extremely hard and no such glazing layer could be removed acci-

dently. There is still no evidence that a coloured varnish layer was ever used in the way that Mr Daley suggests. Such coloured oil paint layers are extremely rare in Renaissance painting — there was no sign, for example, of any such layer in the other Giampetrino painting in the National Gal-

In an attempt to back up his claims. Mr Daley produced "before and after" photographs of Giampietrino's Salome. Before cleaning, the areas near the severed head of John the Baptist were cast in shadow - a moral statement by the artist, Mr Daley sug-

gested, with the artist deploying tonal values to create a definite effect. After its restoration the painting has lost those subtleties, and is much lighter. A 1956 restoration of Veronese's Family of Darius Before Alexander the Great

produced similar effects.

However, Mr Wyld dismissed the criticism of Salome. "He may have looked at a dark print and a light print without seeing the actual work If anything in reality, it is just as dark and the contrasts [are] accentuated by the cleaning, he said.

Mr Daley and Artwarch first expressed their lears to

Nicholas Baring, the National Gallery chairman, in a letter last September. More than a month later Mr Baring replied to say that he was "satisfied that the conservation and scientific specialists of the gallery are fully in touch with new developments". Mr Baring cleaning moratorium suggest-

ed by Artwatch. At the end of his lecture Mr Daley was surrounded by art lovers. Mr Daley, who repeated a call for a restoration moratorium at the gallery. quoted the words of Degas: "A man who touches a picture

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THE THE ROLL APRILLING

German-born widow to sue over internment

By ADRIAN LEE

A GERMAN-born pensioner who says that she was wrongly interned as an enemy alien during the Second World War has been granted legal aid to seek compensation from the Government.

Government.

Gertrude Timmis, 78, a widow, said that she decided to sue more than 50 years after the end of the war because she cannot forget the humiliarion she endured. She spent three years in prisons and camps and says that she was victimised.

Mrs Timmis, who lives in Droitwich, Hereford and Worcester, says that she should have been exempt from internment because her stepbrother served in the Royal Navy. "I feel very bitter about what happened to me and when I remember the conditions in prison and the abuse I got when I hadn't done anything wrong, I feel sick to the bottom of my stomach. I am not being greedy, I just want my name cleared.

"I was given the worst chores and made to work really hard. The criminals were given better treatment than me. We were stripped to the skin and given internal examinations. We were treated like animals."

The decision to intern thousands of people was controversial at the time. In August 1940, a letter to The Times described the policy as "conceived in panic and . . incapa-



Gertrude Timmis: jail

Mrs Timmis was interned in 1941, ten years after her arrival in Britain at the age of 13. Her mother, who died when Mrs Timmis was a child, had settled here after marrying a Scotsman, Mrs Timmis was still using her German name of Stang because she had not been

Her stepbrother George Addison, on whom the case

in the forces should have allowed her to remain free. to get this to court but it is proving difficult because so many of the relevant documents have been destroyed." Mrs Timmis said: "I consider myself British, this is my home, but I feel I have been let

able to afford to look after

myself and if I want to do

something I have 10 do it now,

before it is too late, f am not

asking for a fortune, just

compensation for the three

years of my life and the wages

The Home Office confirmed

that Mrs Timmis had been

held under the Emergency

Powers (Defence) Act of 1939,

It said that it was not aware of

any payments having been

Mrs Timmis, one of 23,000

people of German and Austri-

an origin who were interned,

was held at Winson Green

prison. Birmingham;

Holloway, north London:

Liverpool and the Isle of Man.

She said that at Holloway the

cooks spat in her food and she

went on hunger strike to get a

She was released in 1944 on

condition that she agreed to be

repatriated but managed to

remain in Britain: They just

forgot about me." She has a

slight German accent and said

that some people in her home town still refused to accept

Nicholas Jacobs, who has

published a book on the

subject, The Internment

Aliens by Francois Lafitte,

said: "It is very brave of her to

do this. There was never a

general apology for this panic

measure - I think because the

Government feared legal ac-

tion. It is now considered by

historians to have been un-

extremely badly treated."

necessary. Some people were

made to former internees.

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ble of sober justification". The writers, who included Lady Violet Bonham-Carier, Gilbert Murray and H.G. Wells, called for an end to the practice, describing internment as cruel.

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INTERNMENT

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir We hope that the communication from nine bonders correspondents of leading newspapers in four neutral European countries, published in your issue of August 16, will maken the public to the widespread damage in the countries. inflicted on our prestige not only in Euro-pean countries but also in America by the policy of wholesale internment. Cruelty is mberent in it

A 1940 letter to The Times atta king internment included H.G. Wells among the signatories

sunk off France by a German mini-submarine in 1944. Mrs Timmis, who was widowed twice, says that she has official papers stating that her internment was an error. Her relaconship to a man serving Her solicitor David Haughton said: "We are trying our best down by my country. Now I am getting older I may not be

Drill Sergeant Robertson has a friendly word with a military detainee at Colchester

Army assures its reluctant guests that camp will be no tea party

By Michael Horsnell

SHORT back and sides, military fatigues and square-bashing were highlights of the regime announced yesterday for young offenders when the Prison Service's much-heralded "boot camp" opened its doors for inspection.

The Young Offender Insotuuon (YOI) in the garrison town of Colchester will take 32 inmates from this autumn, alongside 200 military detainees, at a cost of over El million a year. Lieutenant Colonel Glen Grant, the commandant, said: "Reveille will be at 0600 hours. You can be sure we shan't be taking them a cup of

tea when we wake them up," Colonel Grant, who will be the military governor of the institution, added: "It's not a harsh regime. There's no cruelty or any attempt to demean anyone. It's not The Hill, but it's hard,"

The military ethos of the camp, which is within the confines of the Military Corrective Training Centre for Army, Royal Navy and RAF offenders, is what Ann Widdecombe, the Prisons Minister, hopes will prove to be a telling step in tackling the problem of persistent offenders.

She said: "The Home Secretary and I have been impressed by what goes on at the MCTC. The sense of discipline, of smartness, of calm and, most importantly, of achievement, is clear as one walks around and talks to detainees.

We decided that we would like to test whether the military approach to custody could benefit civilian young offenders and be effective in reducing the level of reoffend-

ing among them."
In spite of criticism within the Prison Service, officials pointed out that while there was 70 per cent recidivism among young civilian offenders, only 7 per cent of military detaines reoffended. Miss Widdecombe, who disclosed details of the vennire in a prove her right when she

visited the institution. At the glasshouse farm, where servicemen were concreting a new slurry base for the pigs. Staff Sergeant Mike Baron said: "Shovelling muck all day can be fairly arduous."

The farm and education centre, where motor mainte-nance, carpentry, bricklaying and decorating skills are taught, are intended to provide a purpose in life for the young offenders, who will spend six months with the Army after being judged

Compulsory gym each day, parade calls and inspections are intended to provide "backbone". Only bayonet drills and target practice will be absent from the civilian programme.

Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, who attended yesterday's open day, said: "This scheme is not intended to provide a source of ready recruits to the armed forces, as I have heard described. What we can do is pass on military skills to help the Prison Service deal with a worrying social problem. This is an important and exciring initiative. Self-confidence, selfesteem and self-belief can be imparted to civilians as well as military detainees and this is

our aim. The 32 will live in F-block, apart from military detainees, but will mix with servicemen for educational classes and vocational training. A barber will visit the block twice a week to ensure that haircuts are military length.

Richard Tilt, Director-General of the Prison Service, said: "I fully support the pilot scheme. It offers the opportunity to develop self-esteem and self-worth. This is an excellent training. establishment." custodial

The scheme, which will cost £28,700 per young offender compared with no more than £18,000 in a normal instinttion, will be kept under constant review.

Jack Straw, Shadow Home amentary answer in the Secretary, described the initia-Commons earlier yesterday, tive as an admission of the found military staff anxious to Government's failure to tackle youth crime.

Plea for calm after PC is shot in city's spiralling gang war

A POLICE officer shot in his home by two masked gunmen may have been the victim of mistaken identity in a territory war between Liverpool drug gangs. The attack was the fifth shooting on Merseyside since Saturday.

Senior officers described the wounding as the "reckless, cowardly acts of barbarians" yesterday and appealed for calm across the city which last year recorded the nation's fastest-rising crime rate.

PC Stephen Hardy. 26, was asleep at home in West Derby. four miles from the city centre, with his girlfriend Caroline Kennedy and 12-month-old baby son when he was woken by a crashing noise down-stairs. He believed he was being burgled but instead he was confronted by two gun-men and told to lie down on the bedroom floor. He was trying to dial 999 when both men opened fire with handguns. The officer was hit four times in the legs and arm.

The gunmen escaped from the modern cul-de-sac in a BMW car that was later found abandoned. PC Hardy, based at Marsh Lane police station, Bootle, had surgery at Liverpool's Fazakerley Hospital, where his condition was



Hardy: wounded four times at home

described as serious but stable. A man living on the estate said PC Hardy could have been the victim of a mistake; a known criminal lived in the area but had fled almost two weeks ago.

James Sharples, the chief constable, said PC Hardy had not been involved in any major crime investigation or large operation since he joined the force in 1993, and added:

Sharpies said the spirating gun violence of recent days had left him "desperately wor-ried" and he warned criminals that they would be confronted with force by his officers.

The behaviour by crimi-nals in the city inevitably runs the risk of injury to innocent members of the public, as well as others. This will not be tolerated," he said. Turf wars over the drug

distribution business were be-lieved to be behind many of the shooting incidents. Other factors, such as personality clashes, could also have triggered disputes.

The current spate of shootings began on Saturday, when three men were kneecapped" after going drinking in a pub in Wavertree, two miles from the city centre. On Sunday a pregnant woman escaped unharmed after a house in Wavertree was sprayed with bullets in a drive-by shooting.

In the early hours of Tuesday morning, masked gunmen burst into two houses. Liam McGee, 18, was in bed with his girlfriend when he was shot in the legs four times in Anfield. A 24-year-old man was shot in the legs as he watched television in Bootle.

ians and said that police were facing a "very fluid, volatile

Police will also look into possible links between recent attacks and events that followed last May's shooting death of David Ungi. 36, who was associated with a major gang in the Dingle/Toxteth area of Liverpool. There was an outbreak of tit-for-tat shootings as rival gangs bat-

The power and wealth of the gangs was illustrated by Ungi's funeral procession, which almost equalled the east London turnout for Ronnie Kray's burial. There were 31 black limousines for mourners and £12,000 behind the bar for the wake.

Recorded crime rose by 12 per cent last year and drug trafficking alone rose by 60 per cent. In the past IS months there have been five murders,

Student 'chose to die in library'

BY OLIVER AUGUST

A STUDENT killed himself in his favourite library while reading about death in the Greek classics. Richard Metcalf, 18, was found dead at Winchester College days after winning a place to read classics at Oxford University. an inquest was told yesterday.

He surrounded himself with the works of Sophocles before Taking a drug overdose and lying on a pile of cushions. His parents helieve he was reading Sophocles's tragedy Electra, in which the heroine mourns the death of her father and her brother plots to kill

their mother. Richard's mother Carolyn. 41, decided to read Electra after her son's death to try to

months reclassifying the coll-ege library. He felt secure there and maybe that's why he chose to die there. It may have been his way of leaving some sort of legacy and becoming a housemaster, on the night permanent part of the

His father Philip, 40, said: "We believe Richard felt so happy at college he did not want to leave. Even though he was a brilliant academic he may have been too sensitive to face the adult world."

The alarm was raised by a fellow pupil at the £13,000-ayear school and an empty pill bottle was discovered in a rubbish bin at the library. The inquest at Winchester

understand him. She said: taken an overdose of at least 39
"Richard had spent many Distalgesic painkilling tablets Distalgesic painkilling tablets last January but did not leave a suicide note. Richard, who worked as a

college librarian, was last seen by Peter Roberts, his before his death. Mr Roberts said: "He was very fond of the library. Each week he dealt with the catalogue for the library, which was used by a small number of boys to work. The last time I saw him was at llpm in one of the college's towers when I went to lock up the doors."

Richard had reorganised the small library at the top of the tower which caters for the school's 70 scholars. They had been asked by him to list the was told that the student had books they would like to have sure off him, Mr Roberts said.

from a serious depressive illness and had been prescribed anti-depressants in 1994, although Dr John Davies, Winchester College medical officer, said he seemed to be over the illness last

agreed his academic programme should be made appeared to be very positive and at that stage was off all medication."



ALUMINIUM SUSPENSION

15% LESS UNSPRUNG MASS

difference' in divorce court's day

By Frances GIBB

A 'slight

JUDGE Angel's court rarely excites the interest of the media. On perhaps half a dozen occasions in his time as senior district judge m London's principal divorce registry has it been the centre of attention.

Those occasions, as yesterday, were the endings of royal marriages or those with royal associations. In 1995, sitting in court two, he read out the decree nisi of Camilla and Andrew Parker Bowles: in 1992 that of the Princess Royal and Captain Mark Phillips. in general, however, the

activities of the divorce registry go largely unnoticed. Each day there are the decrees to be announced in open court by Judge Angel or one of his 18 colleagues. After that, it is off with wigs and gowns and into applications relating to the Children Act, financial settlements or procedural matters in any legal actions.

Apart from the royal decrees, Judge Angel made the headlines once before when, in 1991, he accused divorce lawyers of carrying out costly and . useless inquiries into parties' finances. He urged action to prevent cases such as the one in which a couple started with £400,000 and spent "a quarter of their fortune to become poorer".

Yesterday Robin West, chief clerk in the family proceedings department of the registry. would admit only that the day, had been "slightly different" from the run of the mill.

Duchess writes new future as marriage saga comes to end

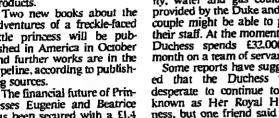
By EMMA WILKINS

THE Duchess of York is expected to trim her expenses. move into a converted stable block and take up her pen as a unildren's author again in order to make ends meet after

With a modest sum of E500,000 awarded as part of her settlement, the Duchess is likely to exploit new markets in the Far East and America for her Budgie the Linle Helicopter books and spin-off products.

adventures of a freckle-faced little princess will be published in America in October and further works are in the pipeline, according to publishing sources.

cesses Eugenie and Beatrice has been secured with a £1.4 million trust fund from the





The Duchess was still wearing her wedding ring

Oueen, but the Duchess will need to reduce her personal living costs. She may choose to move from her rented house in Wentworth, Surrey, which costs £72,000 a year, to

Sunninghill Park, the Duke's Berkshire residence. It is understood that initial estimates for converting the stables to domestic use have been reduced by £300,000. The move would have its financial advantages: electric-

ity, water and gas could be provided by the Duke and the couple might be able to pool their staff. At the moment the Duchess spends £32,000 a month on a team of servants.

Some reports have suggested that the Duchess was desperate to continue to be known as Her Royal High-ness, but one friend said she was better off without the otle.

> Doubleday in New York said. The Duchess's royalties from Budgie are expected to accelerate in the next few vears. Fox Television has commissioned a fourth series of Budgie cartoons in a deal said to be worth £1.3 million. The little helicopter appears on merchandise from toys to mugs and t-shirts in more than 30 countries.

"It frees her to be able to go

around the world, getting publicity for her work and

making money without worry-

ing if it is embarrassing to the

The Duchess can look fo-

ward to publication of The

Royal Switch and Bright

Lights in America in October.

The stories feature Amanda,

an 11-year-old red-haired prin-

cess, and Emily, a poor little rich girl from Manhattan. The

pair travel the world doing

good deeds and getting into

scrapes. Some sources said the

publishing deal with Bantam

Doubleday included an advance payment of £300,000.
The books will sell at \$14.95

and merchandising is a possi-bility. "No formal merchan-

dising deal has been made, but if the books are a success

then it is certainly something

that we would look at," a

spokeswoman for Bantam

Royal Family at home.

Sleepy Kids, the company which owns the worldwide animation and marketing

year to October 1995. The bigger market than America for some cartoons and Thomforecast for this year is a £1.17 as the Tank Engine is a great million profit, but that includes profits for the compasuccess in Tokyo. ny's other cartoon characters. The Duchess has recognised

the potential of the Far East and is discussing ways of breaking into the market with businessmen in America and Hong Kong. David Tang, the Hong Kong Chinese multimil-liocaire, whose family fortune was founded with the Kow-

porter of her work. It is understood that the Duchess's discussions with Ray Chambers, a New Jersey millionaire, and his associates have concentrated on his contacts in the Far East. The Duchess emerged from her meeting with Mr Chambers in January declaring that her financial problems, then said to include debts of up to £3

The subject of boyfriends

her so-called financial adviser. The Duchess's latest beau is said to be Thomas Muster, a muscular Austrian tennis player whose former girlfriend blamed her for the couple's break-up. It seems likely that whatever her romantic and financial future, the Ducbess's

the Duchess, who will never

escape the embarrassment of

her liaison with John Bryan.

staunchest friend will remain

briefly the reason for the separa-tion. his affidavit said simply: Very little time spent together due to work commitments, and we had

no interests in common. "It was difficult to agree or things and there were a lot of arguments. During November 1993 it became clear that neither of us was able to live happily together and it was unfair on the children to be surrounded by unhappiness, so we agreed to separate." the affidavit cootinued.

He yesterday refused to elabo-



Carlo Giambrone: "All I

rights for Budgie, made pre-tax profits of £973,000 for the enormous potential. Japan is a friend and a committed supwhen she appeared in Switzerland yesterday High Court puts its seal of approval on the end of 58 broken dreams

By STEPHEN FARRELL AND JOANNA BALE

INFIDELITY, growing apart and concern for the children were among the causes given for 28 broken marriages listed in the High Court in Loodon on the same day as the Duke and Duchess of

Of 58 unhappy partners, the only one to appear in person at the three-minute hearing was Carlo Giambrone, an unemployed mechanic and self-confessed adulterer from Notting Hill. London. Mr Giambrone, 28, objected to paying the costs of his wife's

benefit Expecting an empty courtroom, he was bewildered to find the end of his seven-year marriage the subject of intense scrutiny.

He and his Greek-Cypriot wife Andrula, like the Yorks, stay in contact because of their sons Kristos, aged six, and Mario, nine months. Neither ever expects to marry again.

They met in a nightclub in the West End of London in 1987. married at Fulham Register Office two years later and celebrated properly at a traditional ceremony in Cyprus.

The honeymoon over, they re-

turned to Britain to conditions very different from the Yorks, living in a dingy one-bedroom flat.

such as Potsworth.

it at 15 to 20 per cent.

Sleepy Kids has always

refused to disclose the Duch-

ess's share of the profits, but

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The next market for the

"I had to sleep on the sofa, and my wife had a single bed in a bedroom that was oo bigger than an ordinary bathroom. It took us two and a balf years to get out of there, and by then things were not so good," he said. Mr Giambrone met another

woman when his wife went on holiday in 1994, and he moved out. Of the Duke and Duchess's divorce he said: "I can see a lot of similarities between our break-ups in that we both have children and we both remain friends. When you have got kids involved you have to be friends. They are so clever they can sense if there is any animosity between the two of you.

"I was surprised at all the attention. I didn't realise Andrew and Fergie were on the same list as me. It was a big surprise, all the fuss, and all I wanted was a quiet Mrs Giambrone, 28, a social

worker, described the early days of the marriage as "brilliant", but said her husband soon began to miss his single life. "Although he was very good at caring for his son he was never there for me," She said. "Prior to last month I hated

him because I was very, very bitter at what he had done. But at the end of the day you have to bave some kind of relationship for the sake of

The Duchess of York faced a barrage of reporters and cameramen yesterday. Below: documents of the decree nisi

"Andy and Fergie will also know by now that you have to work at a marriage. Bot I married one man twice and I would never marry another man again."

Andrew Rothery, a London accountant working for Arthur Anderseo, petitioned his wife Korina for a quickie divorce after moving out of the family home in Sidcup, southeast London, in November 1993. He oow now lives in Lee. southeast London. Asked to state

rate, insisting it was a private matter. "It is far too embarrassing wanted was a quiet day"

THE European Commission

ALLOY ENGINE 17% LIGHTER

Brussels officials reaching for small print to defend beef ban FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN STRASBOURG AND MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

brushed off Britain's legal challenge to the export ban on its beef yesterday but Brussels officials privately admitted that aspects of their case might not stand up in the European

John Major is expected to press Britain's demands for an early lifting of the ban with Jacques Santer, the president of the European Commission. when they meet in Moscow later this week at the G7 nuclear safety summit. Mr Major requested the meeting in a letter sent to Mr Santer on Tuesday night.

"Mr Santer is very happy to talk to Mr Major and is very open to an exchange of views," a Commission spokesman said. "I think other heads of Government may well be involved. Mr Major will be heard by Mr Santer, but the Commission's position has been made very clear. We have a ban for which there is a legat basis and it will be for the European Court of Justice to deal with that matter."

said they would take up arms to protect their herds against further culling of their cattle if that was Europe's price for removing the ban.

Leading a 250-strong delegation to lobby MPs at Westminster, Bob Parry, the president of the Farmers' Union of Wales, declared: "The European Commission-er has said that British beef is safe to eat, so why are we suffering? Our farmers are willing to protect their ani-mals by getting guns if it is

In Strasbourg, Lamberto Dini, the Italian prime minister, said the ban on British

beef exports should be lifted when the scientific evidence showed that it was safe to do so. "We want the ban removed as soon as possible," he said.

Franz Fischler, the European Agriculture Commissioner, precipitated the British legal challenge by his statement last weekend that he would have no hesitation in eating British beef and his admission that the ban had been imposed in response to consumer panic and not on

health grounds.
Gerard Kiely, Herr
Fischler's spokesman, said
there would be no reconsideration of the ban until Britain

had presented detailed proposals for eradicating "mad cow" disease from the national cattle herd.

There is doubt about the legality of an embargo based on preserving public confidence and saving the EU beef industry from collapse. Article 129 of the Maastricht treaty covers consumer protection but it allows only for "action which supports and supplements the policy pursued by the Member states to protect the health, safety and economic interests of consumers." In an apparent reflection of this, Commission yesterday said that public bealth was the central issue.

Legal experts were also combing the EU's founding treaties to justify the ban on exports to non-EU countries. Officials repeated that this was to protect consumers from the re-importation of suspect British beef.

□ In France, Philippe Vasseur, the agriculture minister, accused Britain of reneging on a commitment to carry

BSE deaths 'could be two million'

French farmers to be compensated

The French Government is to pay compensation to the owners of 76,000 calves of British origin quarantined oo French farms in the wake of the "mad cow" scare. The

French Agriculture Minister Philippe Vasseur said that the

animals would be destroyed over the next two or three

months. French authorities have refused to allow calves of

British origin into the country since March 28, following the British government's admission of a possible link between

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

LEADING scientist alarmed and bewildered MPs yesterday with a barrage of statistics suggesting that the number of deaths from eating meat infected with "mad cow" disease could be as few as 10 or

more than two million. Dr Stephen Dealler, a consultant medical microbiologist, described the upper figure as "a worst-case scenario". He also said that the risk from eating beef now with new safeguards in place, was "absolutely minimal".

Dr Dealler offered the estimate at a joint session of the Commons Agriculture and Health Select committees called to consider the latest evidence on BSE and Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease, the counterpart condition in humans. Others giving evidence included Sir Kenneth Calman, the Government's Chief Medical Officer, Mr

Keith Meldrum, the Chief Veterinary Officer, and Professor John Pattison, head of the Government's advisory committee on BSE.

When Edward Leigh, Con-servative MP for Gainsborough and Horncastle, and a self-professed beef-eater. pressed Dr Dealler to say what his own chances of contracting CJD from BSE-infected meat were. Dr Dealler replied, to laughter: "Between zero and 100 per cent."

Professor Pattison told the MPs that Dr Dealler's figures represented the possible range of what might happen", but added: "The longer we go on without a significant rise in the number of CID cases, the greater the chance that [the number of deaths caused by BSE| will be at the low end of the range. I do not think the risk is as high as Dr Dealler thinks. It would be very sur-

prising if there is no species barrier between cows and human beings. It would also be very surprising if [BSE] infection is ever found in muscle meat (as opposed to

Dr Dealker said he had arrived at his estimates by looking at the potential times when people might have be-come infected and the number of infected cattle likely to have entered the food chain each year. He assumed that no one would have been infected after November, 1989, when the offal ban took effect.

The committee also heard evidence from Or Harash Narang, a clinical virologist who formerly worked for the Public Health Laboratory Ser-vice in Newcaste upon Tyne, who claims to have made a breakthrough in developing a test to detect BSE in the urine of live carde. Dr Narang, who

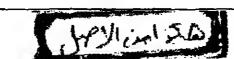
repeatedly clashed with Sir Kenneth and Mr Meldrum over his claims that the Government had obstructed his research, said: "The urine test. used on farms, could eradicate any remaining BSE by identifying cattle with the disease so

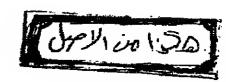
that they could be removed." The value of such a test is that it would avoid the need to destroy thousands of healthy animals merely to eliminate those with BSE. At present the disease can be confirmed defi-

mitely in cattle only by analysis of brain tissue after death.

Mr Meldrum said Draid Narang had failed to produce any evidence that his test worked. Sir Kenneth said Dr Narang's research had been taken seriously, but other scientists who had looked at earlier work of his on detecting nemavirus in brain tissue had been unable to repeat his

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A slight difference in divorce court's day

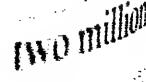
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Howard 'misused power' on Bulger killers' sentence

MICHAEL HOWARD misused his powers and pandered to popular public outrage when he ordered that the schoolboy killers of James Bulger be detained for at least 15 years, the High Court was told yesterday.

The Home Secretary "erred in law" by treating Jon Venables and Robert Thompson, then aged ten, as if they were adults when he increased their minimum sentence from ten to 15 years, taking no account of social and psychiatric reports.

Edward Fitzgerald, QC, for Venables, said Mr Howard had also used a perinon with organised by the Bulger family and thousands of leners from the public calling for a longer sentence as a basis for his decision. "A judge would throw them in the bin if he received a series of petitions from the public saying, When you senience so and so, make sure you give him 15 years." Mr Fitzgerald said. "What judge in the kingdom would say. I am going to pass a sentence of 15 years on a child



Lawyers for Thompson, left, and Venables say the Home Secretary did not consider their welfare

detained at Her Majesty's

12 and held at a secure unit in

northern England, accepted

responsibility "for the tragic death of their victim". But Mr

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Lawyers for the boys, who admitted abducting two-yearold James and murdering him beside a railway line in Merseyside in 1993, are seeking a judicial review of the Home Secretary's decision.

Mr Fitzgerald told Lord Justice Pill. sitting with Mr Justice Newman, that there was no challenge to the correctness of the convictions or the sentence that both boys be

tence of detention during Her Majesty's pleasure, imposed on juveniles, and a mandatory life term given to adult mur-derers. This was contrary to the tradition of every civilised country that children should be treated differently to adults.

The QC accused Mr Howard of taking over the classic udicial function of sentencing. No other country would have situation such as this where child as young as ten can have a punitive seotence imposed by a politician," he said.

After their trial at Preston

Crown Court, Mr Justice Morland recommended that Venables and Thompson be detained for a minimum of eight years. He said that eight was "very, very many years for a ten-year-old. They are now children, then they will be young men." Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, increased the minimum to ten years before Mr Howard's decision. In the letter announcing the increase, Mr Howard made no mention of the boys' welfare or rehabilitation. Mr Fitzgerald told the court.

The case continued



Wendy Jacobs with some of her new charges at Ewelme school yesterday

New head ends 550 years of tradition

BY JOHN O'LEARY

WENDY JACOBS has sween away more than 500 years of tradition by landing the headship of Britain's oldest primary school. Mrs Jacobs, 34, a mother of two, is the first headmistress of Eweline Primary School, in Oxfordshire. since its foundation in 1437...

The picturesque village school, with 40 pupils and two staff, claims the longe pedigree in primary educa tion. Founded by Chancer's granddaughter, teachin church and aims ho

Mrs Jacobs's appoin fulfille a career-in tion. She first visi school as a student at Riading University and was imm diately drawn to the job

chairs the governors. children who are taught by

Home Secretary had misdi-rected himself that there was Some people have been giving British beef a roasting lately.

Now it's your turn.

All British beef now produced is from cattle under 30 months old.

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Policemen save woman declared dead by doctor

TWO policemen told yesterday of their shock when the leg of a woman pronounced dead by her doctor suddenly sprang to life. "I saw the left leg twitch and jump in the air and I was scared stiff," said PC Kevin

Last night Maureen Jones, 59. a diabetic mother of four grown-up children, was recovering in Scarborough Hospital after her ordeal. Dr Marion Meeson, her doctor, a GP with 16 years' experience. declined to comment.

PC Smith, 31, said the undertaker's hearse was already at the cottage in the Yorkshire Wolds village of Thwing, near Driffield, when he arrived last Monday night

They went into the bedroom where Mrs Jones was lying face down on the floor. PC Shrimpton went to comfort relatives in the house when his colleague called him back to the bedroom.

PC Shrimpton, 36, said: "It was a frightening experience. To all intents Mrs Jones was pronounced dead and because of what happened we had to call into use our medical training." They gave her the kiss of life and applied heart massage. Mrs Jones was put into the recovery position until paramedics arrived.

No one had seen Mrs Jones. a widow, since the night

before and it was only when her son Nigel, 33, a shepherd, evening that he found her collapsed in an apparent dia betic coma. He called Dr Meeson at her surgery in Hunmanby three miles awayand she turned on immediately.

But soon after her arrival. Dr Meeson, who qualified at: the University of Wales in 1980, declared Mrs Jones dead and advised her son to report the incident to the police as a

sudden death. Mr Jones said his mothercould remember only going to bed on Sunday night and



Maureen Jones: she

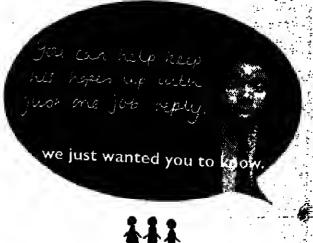
WPC 'lost' eight years after arresting youth

A POLICEWOMAN lost all memory of the previous eight years after she was injured while arresting a drunken youth, a court was told yesterday. WPC Gaynor Whinton, 28. even forgot she was the mother of a two-year-old girl.

Stephen James, for the prosecution at Ilkeston Youth Court in Derbyshire, said WPC Whinton had a large bump on her head after helping colleagues to arrest the 17year-old youth last June. In hospital she could not remem-

After the case WPC Whinton, who is still having treatment for amnesia, said the injury had had a devastating effect on her life. She was particularly upset at losing precious memories of her first two years of motherhood Rebecca is three in June. I can. remember seeing her in hospital when she was brought to see me. It was odd seeing her because I didn't feel like I was her mother because I didn't remember having her. If I could remember anything. I would remember that."

The teenager pleaded guilty to assault while resisting arrest and was given four months' youth custody.



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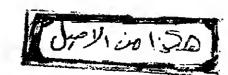
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By James Landale POLITICAL REPORTER

THE two main parties opened their council election campaigns yesterday by trading insults and contradictory statistics about their respective records in local government.

After last week's by-election defeat, the Tories face the prospect of a further drubbing in what will be the last and most important test of popular support before the general election. They could lose as many as 500 of the 1.100 council seats they are defending on May 2.

All these seats were won just after the Tories' 1992 general election victory, when they polled 45 per cent of the vote. about 15 per cent ahead of Labour. Support for the Government has since dropped to just 28 per cent.

"We are going from a high in 1992," a Tory source said. "In a way, that is coming back

and walloping us now." However, opposition parties and election experts are playing down the prospect of a repeat of last year's Tory wipeout - when the party lost 2,000 seats - because this vear's election is much smaller. In all, about 3,000 seats in 150 authorities are being contested: a third of the seats in 100 shire district authoriries, 36 metropolitan district authorities and one unitary authority. Hartlepool. The 13 new shadow unitary authorides, which take over from present councils in April 1997, will hold elections for all their seats. There are no elections in London, Scotland

As Labour and the Tories launched their campaigns yes-

KEY CONTESTS

The four Tory councils in the election: Huntingdon-shire in the Prime Minister's constituency. Broxbourne in Hertfordshire, Macclesfield in Cheshire and Runnymede in Surrey.

C Three hung councils tar-geted by the Liberal Demo-crats: Tunbridge Wells In Kent, Wokingham in Berk-shire and Stratford-on-Avon

blame," he said.

in new Labour."

value for money and partnership between private and pub-

lic sectors that the party says is

provided by its authorities. Mr

Blair said: "The people have

lost their trust in the Govern-

ment. I am confident that the

local elections will show that

people are placing their trust

bitter campaign was evident when the Tories used piles of

baked-bean tins to illustrate

the higher council taxes in

opposition authorities. Labour, the Tories said, were

"has-beans" and the Liberal

Democrats were "half-baked".

Dr Mawhinney said: "We. however, are full of beans."

the Tories' national local gov-

ernment advisory committee.

said he saw a new determ-

ination among Tory activists

to fight the elections hard.

They would highlight the dif-

ference between Labour's nat-

ional image and the reality

they saw on the ground, where

the trade unions were still

dominant. "Most Labour

councillors are unreconstruct-

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ed socialists." he said.

Ron Watson, chairman of

The tenor of what will be a

☐ The former Tory strong-hold of Basildon in Essex, now a hung council.

The shadow unitary authority of Brighton and Hove. Labour won Hove Borough Council last year.

terday, both parties refused to give detailed predictions of their chances. But Tony Blair, the Labour leader, said his party's "success on May 2 will be another blow to a weak and

incompetent Government". Brian Mawhinney, the Tory party chairman, admitted: There is certainly a challenge facing the party. I have made

no secret of that."

A key Tory charge during the campaign will be that voters pay 50 per cent higher council taxes under Labourcontrolled authorines. Dr Mawhinney said that in Band D houses, valued between £68,000 and £88,000, Labour charged £225 more than Tory councils, Liberal Democrat councils charged £139 more in the same band.

Frank Dobson, the Shadow Environment Secretary, dismissed the claim. He said that in the 39 councils that Labour won last year, the average

This is no way to win back the voters

Brian Mawhinney's attack on Sue Mac-Gregor on the Today programme yesterday was unjustified, exaggerated and, even worse, politically inept. But that is symptomatic of the well below the Government's forecast of 8 per cent. He also cited figures backed by the Audit Commission showing nervousness and stridency that the average council tax among some at Conservative charged by Tory authorities Central Office. They are was £536, compared with the adopting the wrong approach £513 figure for Labour. "The to win back the many voters Tories will seek to blame who bave deserted the Tories Labour for the council tax since the last election. Dr increases but local people Mawhinney's outburst also know that the Government ensured that attention was must shoulder most of the distracted from a highly significant raising of the stan-dard of traditional Labour Labour's campaign will focus on the quality of services. values by Robin Cook.

Attacking the Today programme is an easy, and shallow, way to win applause from Tory loyalists, who suspect the BBC and many of its interviewers of being dedicated to doing down the Govern-ment. But not only is it ludicrous to regard the scru-pulously fair Ms MacGregor in this light, but her question drawing a parallel with 1990 and asking whether the Tories now needed to take similarly drastic action was entirely fair. Of course, John Major is not about to be "dumped" and, unlike a year ago, there is no speculation about the leadership now. It would be suicidal of the Tories even to contemplate such a coup. But Dr Mawhinney was wrong to regard the question as "smeary" as if the issue is not

politically relevant. Of course, his attack is part of an elaborate exercise of trying influence the broadcasters, and especially the BBC. Tory officials feel Labour secures more favourable coverage by constantly intervening with executives and programme editors. Labour certainly puts pressure on the broadcasters, but I do oot

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it was meant to be heard, while the accompanying



believe this produces a bias in news coverage favour of Lab-

our, as the Tories claim. Much of the endless discussion about "spin-doctors". one of those often quoted terms which mean little, confuses attempts by the parties to influence coverage with bias by the broadcasters in favour of one party or another. Most broadcasters. as well as print journalists, listen to what the party propagandists say and ignore the more obviously partisan parts. The Tories' problem is the less specific, though equally insidious, one that Tony Blair has become fashionable. rather as Harold Wilsoo was

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

in 1963-64, while the Major Government

unfashionable. The Tory faithful in the shires and the suburbs who believe that the media, and the BBC in particular, are being unfair to them will cheer Dr Mawhinney. They will feel he is speaking up for Middle England Tories. But making your core supporters feel good, or at least selfsatisfied, is not the way to win elections. The Tories need to appeal to the uncommitted and they will not do that by stridency. Sounding reasonable rather than aggressive is the way to win back former

supporters. Such attacks underline the impression of a party that is in a jittery mood after the Staffordshire South-East by-election and ahead of the local elections in a fortnight. Even in the short-term, Dr Mawhinney's outburst was counter-productive - and was

seen as such by some other senior Tories - not least since it diverted attention from Mr Cook's speech to the Scottish

Mr Cook will be one of the most powerful figures in any Labour Government and, yesterday, he signalled that the party's traditional concerns with poverty and equality had not been forgotten. Nothing be said could justify stories about a split with Mr Blair. There is no difference on the details of policy. But the tone was very different from, say, Mr Blair's speech in New York a week ago. Mr Cook talked about trade union rights and public services in language that the Labour leader now does not use.

If Mr Blair is claiming the centre ground, Mr Cook is securing the left wing. But despite Mr Major's comments last night, the Tories seem mainly concerned with their right wing - forgetting that it is the centre which they have

PETER RIDDELL environment.

Lib Dems predict strong showing

BY JAMES LANDALE

THE Liberal Democrats are predicting further gains in Tory heartlands at next month's local election.

Party officials say they have a good chance of winting control of town halls in Tunbridge Wells in Kent, Wokingham in Berkshire and Stratford-upon-Avon. . The party needs to win only a handful of seats to take control of each of the three hung councils.

Andrew Stunell, political secretary to the Association of Liberal Democrat Councils, said the party could add four councils to the 51 that it already controls. "We are set to take places which in the English mind are Conservative beyond recall. Disgusted of Tunbridge Wells could well become a Liberal Democrat."

The party, which is defending 450 seats, could do this with just the 50 to 100 extraseats that he expected it to: gain. Mr Stunell also said that John Major could see the loss of Tory-controlled Hunting donshire in his own constituency. Of the 13 councils still controlled by the Tories, only four hold elections on May 2. The other three are Runnymede in Surrey, Macclesfield in Cheshire and Broxbourne in Hertfordshire.

However, Mr Stunnell was cautious about predictions of huge Tory losses. Although the Tories would lose 550 of the 1,100 seats they are defending if the electorate votes as it did last year, he believes that Tory supporters who have previously abstained will vote this time. "Even if their team is about to be relegated, they will go to the last match." he said. Paddy Ashdown was confident the Liberal Democrats would strengthen their position as the second party of local government. The party leader said the Liberal Democrats had put "a breath of fresh air in Britain's town halls" and now run four times as many councils as the Tories. Their election document, Putting Principles into Practice, was a manifesto for greater democracy, better education and care for the

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Short tells investors to be wary of rail sell-off

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TORY attempts to embarrass Clare Short over her support for higher taxes for middleincome earners fizzled out yesterday. Only a dozen Tory MPs were in the chamber for the Shadow Transport Secre-tary's first Commons speech since being criticised by Labour spin-doctors.

Ms Short, opening a debate on the sale of Railtrack, took the sparsely attended Tory benches by surprise when she declared: "I would like to say a

word on tax." To cheers from her own back benches, she said: The cost of privatising the railways amounts to an extra £106.38 for every taxpayer in the country. This is equal to an extra lp on the basic rate of

Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, com-pared Ms Short with Harriet Harman, the Shadow Health Secretary, who had defied Labour policy by sending her son to a grammar school. He said: "The one is endorsed for acting like a Tory, the other rebuked for speaking like a

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Short survived Tory taunts over tax row

amendment calling on the halt of the sale in the first test of the Government's strength since its majority was reduced to one. She said that potendal investors should be aware that a Labour government would use the regulator to impose controls on railway invest-ment and asset disposal. The use of regulation to protect the national interest will change the likely rate of return to shareholders."

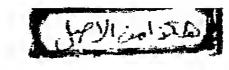
Brian Wilson, a Labour transport spokesman, referred to a leaked letter on April 2 ation had been made. Mr Wilson said: "A Stock Ex-change inquiry is required to find what the truth of the

directors of Railtrack had a duty to ensure that the prospectus was in accordance vith the facts. "I'm confident that the prospectus which issues on May I will fully satisfy those requirements."

He was scornul of Labour's alternative to privatisation. higher investment without saying where the money would come from. "Perhaps from higher taxes on MPs? Under a privatised railway, the costs of funding the invest-ment will no longer fall on the taxpayer. Privatisation would reverse decades of decline. It's a win-win situation."

from John Welsby, the British Rail chairman, who said that Ms Short urged wavering Tory MPs to support Labour's the prospectus was "misleading and deficient". No alter-A philosophy that reflects concern for the future and deliver baselies to indi-

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New research backs syndrome claims by Gulf War veterans

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

A COMBINATION of chemicals used to protect soldiers from nerve gas and desert insects during the 1991 war with Iraq could have caused neurological damage, according to new research into the socalled Gulf War veterna.

Gulf War veterans in Britain said yesterday the American research was the "next step" towards providing conclusive proof of the existence of a war-related syndrome. The possible explanation for

sicknesses suffered by thousands of British and American Gulf War veterans follows research into the effects of a cocktail of chemicals on chickens. The researchers found that although individual doses of the chemicals had no side effects, even in far larger amounts than those given to soldiers, when administered together they proved highly

The combination of two pesticides, DEET and permethrin, and the anti-nerve

gas agent pyridostigmine bromide, caused neurological
problems in the chickens similar to the symptoms found in
around 30,000 American Gulf
War veterans. The symptoms
include memory loss, headaches, fatigue, muscle and
joint pain, shortness of breath
and tremors.

The research by scientists at Duke University in Durham. North Carolina, and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Centre in Dallas, is being presented this week at the Federation of American Societies of Experimental Biology and will be published next month in the Journal of Toxicology and Environmental Health.

Dr Mohamed Abou-Donia, a pharmacologist at Duke University, said that the chemicals were used to protect the soldiers from diseases such as malaria and leishmaniasis, which could have caused thousands of deaths.

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However, he said: "It app-

ears that, for some veterans, the precautions prevented one set of problems and created another. Now our task is to analyse the veterans' symptoms by investigating all the potential causes, not only for their sakes but for the welfare of future soldiers."

Dr Abou-Donia admitted the study on chickens did not prove the chemical cocktail affected people. However, his partners at the University of Texas had carried out epidemiological studies on soldiers which were consistent with the animal data, he said. The Texas scientists declined to release their results until the research was published.

The Gulf Veterans' Association in Britain said the Ministry of Defence had so far failed to carry out specific research and had merely completed a clinical study. A spokeswoman added that the committee of experts brought in to pursue further studies did not include a neurologist.



BBC producer Ric Blaxill with newcomer Bear van Beers, who bombarded him with calls and videos

Bear cheek takes unknown straight to the top

A MODEL from Holland is to present the TV chart show Top of the Pops tooight after months of bombarding a BBC producer with phone calls, faxes and videos of her work (Alexandra Frean writes). She is the first "unknown" to host the 32-year-old programme, Bear vao Beers, 23, has appeared in a

onmber of commercials and minor Dutch TV shows, but said it had been her life-loog ambition to appear oo Top of the Pops: "I have watched it ever since I was a little girl. I love it."

The programme's producer, Ric Blaxill, finally decided to give her a chance after tonight's scheduled present-

cr. Lisa l'Anson, had to pull out. "I coold tell she had the attitude, looks, intelligence and personality." he said. "Wheo I called her home in Holland she couldo't helieve it." Miss vao Beer speaks four laoguages, studied jonrnalism in Los Angeles and is studying film and televisioo arts in Amsterdam.

Stand-in sheriff dismisses 'trivial' Skye toll offences

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

SKYE BRIDGE protesters who pleaded guilty to non-payment of tolls were admonshed yesterday and let off by a sheriff who told them that their offences were so trivial that they did not merit an appearance in his court.

appearance in his court.
Sheriff Ian Cameron, standing in for Sheriff James Fraser at Dingwall Sheriff Court, told 170 protesters that their cases should really be heard in the lower district court. He said he was not interested in the political aspects of the case but only in the criminality of the non-nayment

His leniency surprised the protesters, who had been told by Sheriff Fraser that each non-payment of the £4.30 toll would attract a £30 fine.

Sheriff Cameron told Allan

Sheriff Cameron told Allan MacDonald, 63, a retired Skye headmaster: "These are trivial sums involved. It's a bit like the non-payment of TV licences but not so serious."

cences but not so serious."

He admonished Mr MacDonald on all three offences.
Twelve others who pleaded
guilty got the same lenient
treatment. Most of the protesters maintained their not-guilty
pleas at the intermediate hearing. They will be summoned
for trial next month.

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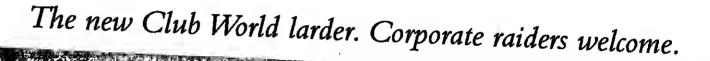
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paigned vigorously against the tolls for the £25 million bridge, which was opened in October and funded by the private sector. Some bave crossed the bridge on dozens of occasions without paying. The charges against them have been brought under the New Roads and Streets Act 1991 and carry a maximum penalty of £1,000 per offence, or a jail sentence.

One protester, Andy Anderson, 57, from Skye, bas already been fined £150 after being found guilty of five offences by Sheriff Fraser. He has appealed to the High Court in Edinburgh.

The protesters had been angered by a decision to summon them in person to the court for them to reaffirm their pleas but yesterday Sheriff Cameron only laughed when he heard that one protester had been unable to keep the appointment.

After the hearing, Myrna Scott Moncrieff, who is leading the protest, said: "I am surprised at the outcome. I'm glad the rest of us stood firm and resisted the temptation to plead guilty and get off with only being admonished. However, Sheriff Cameron seems like a very reasonable man."

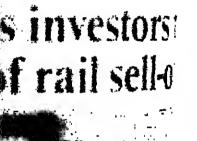




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ARTS CORRESPONDENT

AN eminent figure in the art world yesterday urged Virginia Bottomley to seek the resignation of Sir Jocelyn Stevens as chairman of English Heritage unless he apologised publicly for mocking patrons of London's Kenwood House as 'people with too much time".

Sir Hugh Leggatt expressed outrage that Sir Jocelyn had insulted people who selflessly devoted themselves to the na-don's heritage. He said: "He's behaved disgracefully."
Sir Hugh is a former com-

and Galleries Commission, and honorary adviser to the national portrait galleries of England and Scotland. He was responding to comments made last Sunday by Sir Jocelyn after the Friends of Kenwood House expressed concern that English Heritage had neglected its responsibilities for the historic building on Hampstead Heath. They called for a full-time curator to be reinstated, arguing that one of the nation's most important collections of Old Masters, including works by Vermeer and Rembrandt, set in a Robert Adam interior, needed full-time attention.

Hours after a unanimous motion was passed by the Friends. Sir Jocelyn dismissed them as troublemakers with "too much spare time", and added: "We don't actually



Sir Hugh, left, and Sir Jocelyn: knock-on effect

need the Friends if they're going to behave like this."
Yesterday Sir Hugh said
that it was "very distasteful" of
Sir Jocelyn to have singled out Lord Hutchinson. QC, and George Levy. a leading antiques dealer, who are respected throughout the art world for their passionate commit-

ment to heritage. Sir Jocelyn attacked them as "people with plenty of spare time" who "have got used to the impression that they run Kenwood" and said: "The Friends are not behaving like friends. They are behaving in a very aggressive manner."

The family of Edward Cecil Guinness, the 1st Earl of Iveagh (1847-1927), who bequeathed the collection to the nation, is known to be "very upset and deeply concerned about the way that Kenwood is being run. Sir Hugh said: "He shouldn't have attacked the very people who care so

difference of opinion, he should talk about it. Unless he apologises, the Minister should ask him to resign. It is Virginia Bottomley's job to oversee such matters." Beyond Kenwood, he said,

Sir Jocelyn's remarks could do untold damage to the voluntary sector on which every arts institute relies heavily. "It isn't just Kenwood he's letting down. It is so difficult raising funds. These institutions desperately need Friends. Hundreds of people up and down the country give their services and their cash to help the national, local authority and university institutions. They need to be encouraged, not discouraged. Such comments

have a knock-on effect. "Gratuitous public criticism from the chairman of English Heritage is both shocking and counter-productive. As chairman of such an important quango, an immediate public apology is vital.

The Heritage Minister should not only dissociate herself from Sir Jocelyn's aggressive strictures, but make it clear that the Government is wholly supportive of individuals who give so much to help preserve our national patrimony.

A spokeswoman for English Heritage said: "We don't feel there is anything for the chairman to apologise about."

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A computer-created view from Lambeth Bridge of how the giant £10 million Ferris wheel would look

Traditionalists try to put a spoke in London's millennium wheel

By JONATHAN PRYNN

TRADITIONALISTS and modernists from the architectural world clashed yesterday over the proposed siting of a 500ft Ferris wheel on the South Bank in London to celebrate the millennium.

Plans for the £10 million structure were condemned by Lord St John of Fawsley, chairman of the Royal Fine Arts Commission, as "wholly unsuitable" for the riverside location, almost opposite the Palace of Westminster.

He said: "The 500ft-diameter wheel will be a third as high again as the Shell Centre, virtually twice the height of Big Ben and approximately the height of the British Telecom Tower. It would have a damaging visual impact on the Royal Parks. the surrounding Grade I list-ed buildings and the World Heritage Site of Westminster Abbey and the House of Parliament.

However, two of Britain's most distinguished architects. Sir Richard Rogers and Sir Norman Foster, and the designer Sir Terence Conran were positive. Sir Terence said: "Cities need big symbols and the wheel seems to have all the fizz that the millennium is supposed to have."

Detailed plans for the wheel described as London's Eiffel Tower, were unveiled yesterday by British Airways. which is sponsoring the project and putting more than £600,000 into the scheme. The wheel, which will be the highest of its kind in the

man of English Heritage. gave his blessing to the project but said the wheel should be moved away from County Hall so that it did not world, would dominate the impede the view of the Grade central Loodon skyline from listed building. The

of County Hall, the former

GLC headquarters. From the

top of the 20-minute ride,

passengers would be able to see for 30 miles, from Luton

in the north to Tunbridge

Wells in the south. It would

dominate the riverscape for at

least five years before being

Sir Jocelyn Stevens, chair-

of pounds to repair the damage done by property specula-

The sales, and a oghtly

controlled investment strate-

gy, mean the Church has

almost fully recovered from its

£800 million losses on the

property market.
The MetroCentre in Gates-

million profit, as well as the

Marlowes shopping centre in

Hemel Hempstead and Beech-

wood Place in Cheltenham. In

America the Commissioners,

who manage the Church's assets, have sold office build-

ings and development land for

The sales, disclosed in the

annual report for 1995, illustrate that the Commissioners are fulfilling their pledge to

increase investments in stocks

and shares at the expense of

property. Total asset value

more than book value.

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planning committee of Lamits Jubilee Gardens site close to the South Bank arts centre. beth Borough Council is unlikely to meet to consider the It would carry up to 2500 passengers an hour at £5 a application before June. The head in 60 enclosed capsules final decision is likely to rest passing within yards of the with the Secretary of State for site of a new luxury hotel the Environment.

David Marks and Julia Barfield, the architects behind the project, hope to start work on the wheel before the end of the year with an opening ceremony in April 1999. More than half the energy to drive the ride could be generated by tidal power from turbines in the Tharnes. The steel structure has been designed to withstand winds as strong as any recorded in London over the past hundred years.

Bob Ayling, chief executive of British Airways, said: "It will be for the millennium what the Crystal Palace was for the 1851 Great Exhibition."

assets fell from 58 to 39 per

Last year the Commission-

ers sold 2.957 acres of land in

Britain for 522.8 million, of

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sales totalled £15.9 million,

mainly long leases on its Hyde

Park estate in London. One hundred and nine vicarages

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Many acres of glebe land.

managed by dioceses and

usually rented out, were also

sold, generating £16.6 million. However, £6.6 million was

reinvested in glebe land and

£2 million in clergy housing. A

further £25.8 million was

raised by selling redundant churches and sites. The Com-

missioners reported a "short-

term" fall in net income, from

£145.2 million in 1994 to £137.4

cent of the lotal.

Sell-off revives

Church assets

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Church of England has increased by £300 million in 1995 to £2.7 billion. Property

Pilot held after drugs discovered

NEWS IN EXE

The pilot of a light aircraft ly injured by its propeller after an emergency landing has been arrested on suspicion of smuggling drugs. The Cheetah aircraft, flying from Holland to Gloucestershire on Tuesday, came down in a field near Basingstoke, Hampshire. A box containg 20kg of cannabis worth £60,000 was found near by. Customs officials could not say if the two events were connected.

Burns boy dies

A three-year-old boy, who sur-vived for two months after suffering 94 per cent burns, has died. Adam McKelvie was: found inside his burnt-out home in Corby, Northamptonshire, on February 10. His mother died in the blaze.

Fraud charge

Inspector David Currie, 36. and Tracey Kember, 24, a police worker, from Gravesend, denied conspiracy to defraud Sainsbury's by allegedly tendering outdated vouchers. Bail for both was continued by Maidstone Crown Court.

Inquest refused:

A coroner has refused a full inquest into the deaths of six crew of a trawler that sank off. Cornwall in 1991. He said all the evidence was aired when one of the Pescado's operators was cleared and another convicted of manslaughter.

Driver's plunge

A motorist drove to his death over the 80ft Marsden Bay cliffs on south Tyneside after apparently phoning police to say he was going to jump. Officers saw a car speed over the edge into the sea. A man's body was later recovered.

Line of inquiry

A signalling error has been blamed for an electric InterCity train with 200 passengers being stranded for 83 minutes on a non-electrified line outside Basingstoke, Hampshire, on Tuesday. Railtrack is holding an inquiry.

Jurors warned

Mr Justice Curtis warned ignore extensive media reports over the death of Stephen Lawrence, 18, whose parents have brought a private mur-der prosecution against three men. The trial continues.

Talked out

Gary Jacobs, a lawyer who hosted a Sunday night show on Talk Radio, has resigned after being asked to include advice on gardening, DIY and motoring. His departure comes after that of Simon Bates and Jonathan King.

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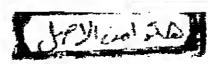


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MILLIONS of songbirds are disappear-

ing from gardens and the countryside.

the victims of intensive farming, pollu-

tion and building. A detailed survey of

the 280 species found in the British Isles - including the Channel Islands and

the Isle of Man - has found that the

decline of birds such as the skylark.

linnet, song thrush and tree sparrow has

Ten years ago, eight birds were on the nation's red list of volume able pacies. D. David Gibbons of the Royal Society for

the Protection of Birds said yesterday

that it had since been necessary to add many once-common birds to the danger

Some less well-loved birds have increased in number, partly because fewer people are working in the country-side, which makes them less likely to be

shot as pests. Among them is the magpie, up 268 per cent since the 1960s

to 650,000 pairs, and the carrion crow,

The report has been compiled by the

RSPB, the National Trust, the British

Trust for Ornithology, the Game Con-

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The naked mole rat "ugly but magnificent"

inbred. Among animals, they are the nearest thing to a clone, as genetically alike as identical twins. But Dr Justin O'Rain and his colleagues at Cape Town University have found that there are a few who stand out from the crowd. These are the "dispersers" the few inspired to leave the burrow for pastures new.

hostile to those from other colonies, but the dispersers have higher levels of hormones than their burrow mates and try to mate with strange females. Within the colony, the dispersers collaborate only reluctantly with the common tasks and are more inclined to wander abroad, the team reports in Nature.

Although the colonies are effective in providing a way of life in inhospitable conditions, they cannot survive for ever without the odd individual striking out. Only a few males in any colony get the chance to mate with the queen and the dispersers often apply for the job in colonies where the

breeding male has died. The team collected its data by observing 48 colonies of captive rats, containing in all about 1,000 individuals. They made a single opening in the burrow and watched which animals left. Only six of the

In ten years, common bird populations have plummeted. They include, left to right, song thrush (down 73 per cent), linnet (52 per cent), skylark (58 per cent), grey partridge (82 per cent), tree sparrow (89 per cent) and turtle dove (77 per cent) Songbirds fall silent under onslaught of farming and pollution

Not all bird species are in decline. Among a number of success stories are, left to right, the osprey, red kite, Dartford warbler and marsh harrier

this decline has occurred since the late

1980s. The skylark population is down 58 per cent to 2.1 million pairs; the grey

partridge 82 per cent to 145,000 pairs; the

tree sparrow 89 per cent lo 110,000 pairs;

the turtle dove 77 per cent to 75,000 pairs;

the song thrush 73 per cent to 1,t million

pairs: and the linnet 52 per cent to

Dr Gibbons said: "The chances of

colonies had any dispersers and 95 per cent of them were

male. What triggers the wan-

derlust is not clear. It may be

genetic or it may be the age

and composition of the colo

nies, the learn says. The

chances are that from time to

time environmental condi-

tions may promote dispersals

in which the adventurous rats

invade neighbouring colonies

or find a few allies to form a

540,000 pairs.



Working Group, said: "The fate of bird

species acts as a barometer of the health

of the environment. There are now more

than twice as many species which are



seeing these birds in your garden are rapidly declining than there were ten now far less than they were a few years years ago. Things are getting worse ago because less are surving in the rather than better. countryside, especially on farmland." He said intensification of agriculture Dr Mark Avery, chairman of the was largely to blame: it was destroying RSPB's Birds of Conservation Concern habitats, increasing pollution, crushing

some ground-nesting birds' eggs during the breeding season, and altering the availability of food, Road building and the noise from

the spread of housing, particularly in the South of England.

While the future for songbirds looks bleak, other species, many on the red list, have benefited from measures taken on their behalf. They include programmes of reintroduction from the Continent, better protection against persecution and egg thieves and more sensitive management of conifer wood-

lands, Milder winters have also helped, The red kite has increased from 20 pairs to t60; the suprey from seven to 99; and the Dartford warbler from 560 to 1,600. Since 1969, marsh harriers have increased from three pairs to 100, thanks to the elimination of DDT and immigration from The Netherlands, where land reclamation hit the birds' habitat.

The songbird survey precedes the Government's response to the Biodiversity Steering Group report, published earlier in the year, which set out costed action plans to restore numbers of the most threatened species. The authors of the bird survey are urging the Government to ratify the steering group's report in an attempt to head off a fatal collapse in Britain's songbird population.

The naked truth: fat and lazy males are winning the rat race

servancy Council, the Wildlfowl and

Wetlands Trust, the wildlife trusts,

Birdlife International and the Hawk

of the spotted flycatcher gave little cause

for alarm. The survey shows that numbers have slumped by 73 per cent in

the past 25 to 27 years to 130,000 pairs:

indications are that at least 23 per cent of

They find that ten years ago the status

and Owl Trust.

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

BEING a selfish, lazy, fat male need not be a handicap. According to a new study, these are the very qualities that make for a sense of adventure - if you are a naked mole rat.

This mammal, which fascinates biologists because it lives more like an insect, is found beneath the soil of East Africa. Naked mole rats which are neither moles nor rats - dig out complex burrows where they establish colonies in which only the

queen bears young. About three inches long and weighing one or two ounces, they belong to the same zoological classification as porcupines, guinea pigs, chinchillas and coypus. Those with the most unappealing characterisrics are most likely to found new colonies, a study in South Africa has found. Their fatness, indeed, may help them to survive until a new colony is

Like bees and ants, naked mole rats have a strict division of labour, Most of them spend their time digging to find food for the rest of the colony. They live on tubers, accessible only when the ground is wet after rain. Only by collaborating can they find enough food.



Mole rat colonies are deeply

Normal mole rats are

new colony. Setting out alone is remarkable for one of these animals because, unlike other mam-

mals, they do not have a way of regulating their tempera-ture. When they get cold, the only recourse is to huddle together three or four deep. This may be another reason why the dispersers tend to be fat, to protect them from the cold in solitude. The limited sex lives of mole

rats and the fact that they live permanently in the dark means that they have never needed to develop features that would attract males. But beauty is in the eye of the zoologist. Dr Paul Sherman of Cornell University told The New York Times: There's something charming, even magnificent, about these animals. What we regard as ugly is really a bundle of fancy adaptations for living underground."

Tory MP calls for action on asthma

BY NICK NUTTALL

SENIOR Conservative MP who is asthmatic yesterday accused the Government lo reduce traffic fames in

Sir Graham Bright, former parliamentary aide to the Prime Minister, said not enough was being done to protect people with breathing difficulties from the fumes of buses, taxis, diesel cars and lorries. Speaking during a short House of Common debate, Sir Graham said it was "galling" that technological solutions were available to cut dramatically particle fumes and soot.

He said a device called a continuous regeneration trap had been developed and needed government encooragement so that diesel vehicles caused less deadly pollutioo. "I would like to see it fitted to every new beavy goods vehicle and every bus, with the intention of extending it to all diesel cars." He said the system would

attractive in the future."

A BOY who learnt to speak only after half of his brain was removed may lead psycholo-

about the acquisition of

cost about £3,500 per HGV or bus but added: "The balance of costs and benefits will

Child with half a brain forces rethink on speech

gists to rethink their ideas

The boy, known as Alex, vocabulary. According to Dr was born with a disorder Mortimer Mishkin, a neurocalled Sturge-Weber synphysiologist from the US Natdrome, which interfered with ional Institute of Mental the blood supply to the left side Health in Maryland, who is of his brain. By the age of part of the team monitoring eight, he was able to utter only the boy's progress, he does not a few sounds and only one speak like an adult but his intelligible word, "mama". language ability "exceeds

Doctors decided to carry out what you would expect from radical surgery because he suffered from frequent epilep-The case interests psycholotic fits. Christopher Adams, gists because it poses questions about language acquisiconsultant neurosurgeon at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxtion. The belief is that there is ford, removed the whole of the an age after which it is very difficult to learn to speak, one left half of his brain. This procedure, though it reason why it is hard to learn

appears drastic, is quite wide-ly used in such cases, accordforeign languages as an adult.

"Some psychologists have ing to Dr Elizabeth Isaacs of said that the age limit is five or the Institute of Child Health in six," Dr Isaacs said, "but London, who presented a paper on the case at a conference in Edinburgh. Children treated in this way can lead a nearly normal life, although their intelligence is low. Their 10 is about 70.

The operation was carried out when Alex was nine. The seizures ceased immediately but he was kept on anriconvulsant drugs for ten months as a precaution. He

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR began to speak about a month others say that it is up to the

after coming off the drugs.
Dr Isaacs said that Alex, age of puberty. We have a child here who learnt to speak now IS and at boarding school. after the age of ten, so this case had normal language skills and grammar and a wide at least argues for the higher

Dr John Marshall, a neurologist at Oxford University. told New Scientist: "It is an exceedingly remarkable case." However, he wondered whether Alex might have had the power of speech all along, but could not express it because of damage to the left hemisphere. Dr Isaacs said she doubts

this because of the way Alex learnt, unering first single words and then phrases and sentences. "He went through all the same stages as a normal child but much more quickly. Tests of his comprehension before the operation showed that it was equivalent to a child of three and a half. He didn't have all that language bottled up ut there."

WATERPROOF WINDPROOF BREATHABLE WEATHER

Invasion of the ducks drives villagers to consider fowl play

THE village of Swanland, given its name by the Vikings who introduced swans there, is being overrun - by ducks. An invasion of wild mallards is also threatening to drive away Charlie and Esmeralda, the latest in a long line of swans which have graced the

village pond. A series of mild winters and a lack of natural predators

have caused the duck popula-

tion to soar to more than

1,000. They are devouring the swans' food and making the

villagers' lives a misery. Villagers have already rounded up some of the interlopers and dumped them on the Humber in nearby Hull, hoping that hunters who shoot there regularly might solve the problem, but other ducks sim-

ply moved in to replace them. Locals are now planning more direct action. Mike Frankish, a parish councillor,



Swanland's two remaining swans are under threat

John

said: "Some people don't like the idea of shooting them. but we are overrun with the bloody things. Charlie and Esmeralda are being troubled

by the ducks. The mallards seem to be eating everything in sight, leaving the swans with nothing."

not too bad when they stay on the pond, but they are entering gardens. They have destroyed entire flower beds and keep villagers awake into the early hours with their quacking." Steve Kehoe, landlord of the Swan and Cygnet pub, said a cull would be barbaric. The RSPCA agreed: "At the end of the day you are clearing the territory for more ducks to move in." Villagers are to seek advice from the Wildfowl and





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Post-Fascist leader determined to lift Duce's shadow

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN FLORENCE

leader of Italy's post-Fascists and the rising star of the election campaign, yesterday said the legacy of Fascism had been overcome. Europe had no need to fear that a directly elected Italian presidency of the kind he favours would turn out to be "a short cut to power for a strong man".

In an interview with The Times, Signor Fini said the lide was turning in his favour, even in traditionally "Red" areas such as Tuscany and Emilia Romagna. He had just addressed a rally in Bologna. his home town, where he drew an admiring crowd of 10,000 - rwice those at a rally for Fausto Bertinotti, the hardline Communist leader, near by.

There was a tremendous crowd." Signor Fini said. "No one saw a single Mussolini-type Fascist salute. I did not search everyone, but as far as 1 know no one was carrying a Fascist banner or a portrait of

Signor Fini. 44. is tall, immaculately dressed, shrewd and personable. He is a polished speaker, with an ironic twinkle behind his rimless glasses. Doubts linger over his break with the Fascist MS1 (Movimento Sociale Italiano). which he dissolved just over a

moderate Alleanza Nazionale. The cover of L'Espresso this week carried a caricature of him with bloody lips and mad staring eyes under the headline - "Beware of the Right".

Nonetheless, the Alleanza Nazionale is set to gain between 5 and 10 per cent in a

ELECTIONS

poll otherwise marked by apathy. One party likely to lose votes is Forza Italia, led by Silvio Berlusconi, the media tycoon who was Prime Minister for eight months in 1994 at the head of a centre-right co-

alirion that included the MSI. Yesterday Signor Berlusconi's trial on corruption charges resumed in Milan. Officially, Signor Fini shares his indignation over this "pol-itical-judicial bombardment".

GIANFRANCO FINI, the year ago to form the more Signor Fini insisted it was "too soon to say that our party is the dominant force on the Centre Right," adding Signor Berlusconi would be Prime Minister again if the bloc won.

But few doubt Signor Fini would be the coalition's key figure. It would need "time and patience" before the world was convinced Mussolini's heritage had been buried, he said. In the last election, two years ago, Signor Flni described Mussolini as a "great statesman". He now says the Duce was "one of those who

put his stamp on our century".
"There is a real Fascist party," Signor Fini said, referring to The Flame - a splinter group led by Pino Rauti which stayed faithful to Fascist ideology when Signor Fini broke up the MSI. "We have refused to make pacts with them, even in constituencies where a 1 per cent difference could let in the

If there was a dead heat on Sunday between Centre Left and Centre Right. Signor Fini said, the only solution was to introduce further electoral reform and hold new elections in six months' time. He favours presidenzialismo — a directly President on the elected French model - and said fears that a "strong man"



would misuse power as Mussolini had were misplaced. "Nobody says France is a Fascist country.'

Parliament would remain paramount, as President Scalfaro had insisted. "When he warned about the dangers of authoritarianism recently, he assured me he was not

referring to the Centre Right or to me personally." Signor Fini said

Alleanza Nazionale was not aligned with any conservative force in Europe because it had its own characteristics. Italy needed flexibility from Europe the lira to join, he said.

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Europe, for its part, needed Italy as the country which understood best "the real danger to peace comes not from the East but from the South" - a reference 10 tensions caused by immigration and

Islamic fundamentalism,

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Rifkind laments Ten ye deadly British 10ne 0 10nes in Bosnia By Michael Binyon, Diplomatic editor HE Government's frank- forcel faced an impossible tool.

IN THE Government's frankest admission yet of fatal flaws in its previous Bosnia policy. Malcolm Rifkind last night warned Europe that it should never again attempt to go it alone in peacekeeping without

the Americans. When the international community faces a crisis on the scale of Yugoslavia's collapse, direct US involvement lapse, direct US involvement is indispensable, especially if military action is required. A 'European solution to a European problem' was never a realistic option," the Foreign Secretary said at the Lord Mayor's Easter Banquet in Guidhall.

"As events since Dayton have shown, the transatlantic partnership is the key to success. That partnership, of Europe and America working together, delivers results, dip-lomatic and military. So my firm view is that any arrangements we devise for the future must reflect that point."

He also brushed aside speculation that British troops might remain in Bosnia-Herzegovina after US forces pulled out at the end of the year. Nato forces. North American and European, had entered Bosnia together. "We will leave together. Any alter-native would be foolish and short-sighted."

Admitting that United Nanons credibility had been damaged by Bosnia. he sug-eested a "few lessons" that the world should learn. "We must not commit ourselves to a peacekeeping mission unless there is a peace to keep. Unprofor (the UN Protection

It discharged that task as honourably as it could, saving tens of thousands of lives. "But if in future we want to intervene in a war zone, we must dispatch a force which is suitably structured and equipped for a role which might lead to combat." The second lesson was to avoid foreign policy by declaration. The international community. announced 'safe areas' in Bosnia without ever committing the forces necessary to make them a reality. The result was . a damaging blow to interna-conal credibility."

Mr Rifkind gave a gloomy prognosis for peace in Bosnia. He criticised Bosnian leaders for their failure to bring about reconciliation. Only the peopleof Bosnia. in particular their leaders, could decide between peace and war. They had taken the first crucial steps, silencing the guns after years of fighting. But they had made no progress in living and working together for a united

Turning to the European Union. Mr Rifkind warned Britain's 14 partners at the inter-governmental conference not to fall into the trap of being fascinated by questions of construction. He said the Union faced a danger of "twiddling endlessly with the minutiae of the EU's institutional machinery, but losing sight of the point of it". Mr Riskind hoped that, as Europe matured, it would escape the confines of institutional

Steffi Graf's father charged over taxes

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BERLIN

THE father of tennis star and that her signatures on Steffi Graf has been charged incomplete tax returns were on suspicion of faking the tax returns of the world's top rated woman player and hiding her earnings from the German tax man.

The Stuttgart public prose-cutor said Peter Graf - who has been under investigative be brought to court along with accountant Joachim hardt. The investigators have found no evidence against Miss Graf berself.

Herr Graf's lawyers said it was still not clear whether any tax evasion had actually taken place. "Tax law for international athletes is confusing and complicated," they said in a joint statement.

During a number of interrogations, Miss Graf has told the authorities that her father made by a printing machine used to sign letters to her fans. The prosecutor believes

that some DM42 million (E185 million) was hidden from the gaze of the German tax office. In some years'no tax returns were submitted for Miss Graf. In other years, befty sums were written off. During this period, Herr financial adviser.

The scandal has already claimed some of the tennis player's high-paying sponsors. Now prosecutors will be able to dig deeper into the nature her various contracts.

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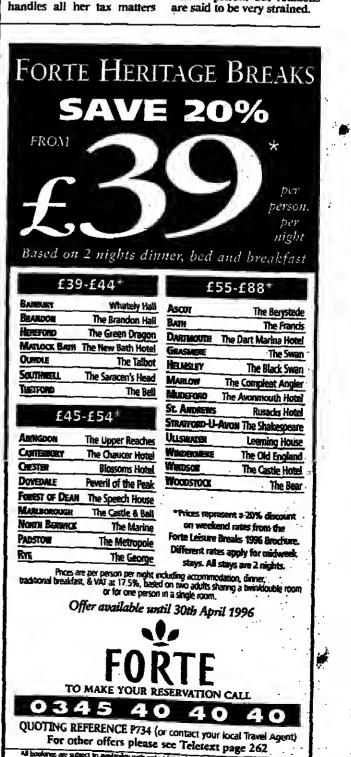
Miss Graf's game has not seriously suffered since the arrest of her father. She visits him in prison, but relations





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JOHN MAJOR will join West-

ern leaders this weekend in

backing an action plan to

prevent nuclear weapons ma-

terial being smuggled out of

terrorists or "rogue states". The programme to be agreed at a summit of the

Group of Seven leading industrialised nations, hosted

by President Yeltsin in Mos-

cow, has been drawn up

because of growing fears that

weapons-grade nuclear mate-rial is now being offered for

sale for military use.

Last night the Prime Minis-

ter flew on the first leg of his

trip to Prague, where he

Vaclay Klaus, the Czech Prime

Kuchma, the Ukrainian Presi-

Today he will meet Leonid

eadly British Ten years on, dead zone of Chernobyl zone of Chernobyl stays under siege

AN 8-mile radius round the Chenobyl disaster site in norpern Ukraine is an cerie zone Potholed tracks link deserted villages, where rusty equipment lies scattered about gured blocks of flars. Wild boas run past abandoned hones and crows perch on fallin electrical cables.

HMENTH ROLLS APRILLING

In years after the world's wost nuclear accident at the Chrnobyl nuclear power station, the area around the cripled reactor resembles a di sed hattlefield. But amid the debris, the campaign to cottain the environmental polution continues in a lowker fashion, since the state of energency has long been over. The exclusion zone is run

much like a military camp. Gitting inside requires cleararce from one of three milinamuned control points and trivel is restricted within the zche. Workers walk around in piotective gear and talk of life al if they were under siege.

Chernobyl is its own minizure world - we refer to life here as before or after the var," Svetlana Svirina, a physicist who came here in 86, said. "At the time of the acident everyone worked round the clock just to cover reactor. Like war, there ☐ As John Major flies to Kiev to discuss nuclear safety with Leonid Kuchma, the Ukrainian President, Lesia Rudakewich travels to Chernobyl, where the atmosphere is still that of a desperate battleground

was a real difference between those who risked their lives and those who did not."

Today life in this barren wasteland seems less clearcui. Buses shuttle workers daily to the twn Chernobyl nuclear reactors. Nos I and 3. still producing electricity, even as staff continue to monitor radiatinn levels around reactor No.4 that exploded on April 26, 1986, Reactor No.2 was shut down in 1991 after a fire. The contaminated areas and "clean spois" lie next to each other inside the zone and peuple cross from one to the other without concern.

Officially the zonc is an uninhabited area, but about 650 self-settlers - evacuees who returned - reside in their old homes, tending their gar-

dens and raising livestock. "There are strict controls on everything," emphasised Ms Svirina, "Chemobyl is still considered a dry zone - no

liquor or wine is allowed. Until last year, you couldn't even bring in a beer." In the early days if the militia had seized liquor at a checkpoint the worker's job was at stake. but now. she said, "the local milina themselves sell liquor at contraband prices".

fronically, life in the zone has become bleaker now that the worst is over. In the munths after the disaster. thousands of young people arrived to help with the emergency clean-up. A music hall staged concerts and a cinema screened popular films.

Today there are fewer ameniñes, fewer public places to go to, and fewer people. Ten years ago, people came because they had to, but now they mostly come for the pay.

Once we had live entertainment. Today we can't even get newspapers," complained Sasha, a mechanic. There was real work up to 1991-1992.



Workers in protective gear repair potholes along a road leading into the town of Chernobyl vesterday

Everyone knew what to do. and people in charge took responsibility. But now? You've got managers here

drawing quadruple pay."

Andriy Sukharuchkin, deputy chief engineer at the radiation monitoring centre based in Pripyat, said:

many reasons. For some, it is the salary, for others, the friendships. For me, it is my profession. For some it is also the

memory of surviving 1986 and playing a role in the crisis management. In the early days there were world-class

called Ms Svirina. "There was a spirit of camaraderie and purpose. People gave up their ealth and their lives. No one thought about the pay. They thought about the nation and the need to save it."

Just as strong is the anraction to this devastated earth. like a human here," said Mr Sukharuchkin. "I go back to the city with its thousands of automobiles, and I don't feel healthy there."

Ms Svirina agrees, "Every time I drive to the reactor. I think it beautifully empty. After being away from Cheranbyl for a while, you miss it."

dent and Yevgeni Marchuk. the Ukrainian Prime Minister, in Kiev, where the leaders are expected to discuss nuclear safety and the action programme on smuggling. British officials emphasised

Minister.

that there had been no recorded attempt to smuggle nuclear materials. However, according to a report released by Harvard University, there have been six incidents in which highly enriched uraniunt or plutonium, the essential components for a nuclear bomb, were stolen in Russia.

The eight heads of state will approve a programme to try to prevent any materials with a potential military application from falling into the wrong hands and to deter potential traffickers. They will try to ensure that material no longer required at the vast former Soviet nuclear complex is dis-

posed of safely. The summit will also agree measures to ensure that nuclear reactors in the former Soviet Union are made safer or destroyed. The leaders will confirm a £2 billion programme leading to the closure of the Chernobyl plant and will take steps to improve safety at other reactors.

☐ Moscow: Russia successfully carried out the experiinterconfinental ballistic missile on Monday, Interfax reported. (AFP)

CHERNOBYL'S SEALED FATE AFFECTED AREAS TODAY 100 miles Proposed concrete and steel hanger to be built over Cherna number 3 and 4 reactors RUSSIAN FEDERATION Existing sarcophagus built, around reactor 4 is unstable

Pardon for prisoners who tackled fire

world's biggest nuclear accident a presidential decree freed from prison anyone

who had served at least a third of a

sentence for minor offences. About 25 million people, including 900,000 child-

The President is demonstrating his

humanity towards first offenders who

helped to deal with or suffered from the

accident," said Petro Andrichenko, the

ren, were affected by the accident.

By Michael Dynes THE spectre of a second exised countries have since rewarning by the International Kuchma promised to close peatedly insisted that the Atomic Energy Agency in

Ukraine plays for time and money

plosion at the crippled Cher-nobyl complex in Ukraine, the site of the world's worst nuclear accident in April 1986, continues to haunt Western governments.

The Chernobyl complex houses four reactors. Number 4 was destroyed in the meltdown. Number 2 was shut down after a fire in the turbine hall in 1991, and the other two are still working.

Moscow was responsible for the clean-up operation during the first five years after the accident, making il difficult for Western powers to intervene. After the collapse of the Soviet -וענו מב חסומט however, the Western powers were slow to take the initiarive. Leaders of the Group of

head of the presidential pardon office. "It applies to more than 1,000 people."

300,000 Ukrainian citizens helped to put

out the fire in the fourth reactor on April

26, 1986. The amnesty applies to adoles-

cents, pregnant women and those with

children. Beneficiaries must not have

commined serious offences and must

Official statistics show that more than

stricken complex be decommissioned. Originally. Kiev promised to comply with this demand by the end of 1993.

In October 1993, Ukraine changed its mind. Faced with the economic chaos which followed the demise of the Soviet Union, Ukraine could not survive without nuclear power which provides 40 per cent of its energy needs, 7 per cent of which comes from Chemobyl.

Ukrainian officials now insisted that the crumbling sarcophagus, which encases the wrecked . reactor building, could be repaired crippled plant could be modified to last until the end of its design life in 2010. After a

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1994 that the sarcophagus was deteriorating at an alarming rate a consortium of French. German and British companies won a £25 million European Union contract to carry out a feasibility study into how to shore up the

existing structure.

The len-month study concluded that the reactor lid and its chimney were in danger of collapsing. It proposed a £1 billion scheme for stabilising the sarcophagus, and constructing a new concrete bunker to house the second and third reactors.

Monins between the G7 and Ukraine began to show results by April last year, when President Chemobyl by 2000, but insisted that the West would still have to provide for alternative sources of energy.

A meniorandum of understanding was signed by the G7 and Ukraine last December, committing £2 billion in grants and loans to improve Chernobyl's short-term safety. and providing alternative sources of energy, in exchange for closing the plant down by the end of the

As the tenth anniversary of the disaster approaches, Ukraine has yet to receive a penny in Western assistance. em governments will cease to worry about a repeat performance at Chemobyl.

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FROM REUTER

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A part of commemorations to mark

fron its effects.

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The shipowner Stavros Niarchos with his third wife. Evgenia, at Maxim's

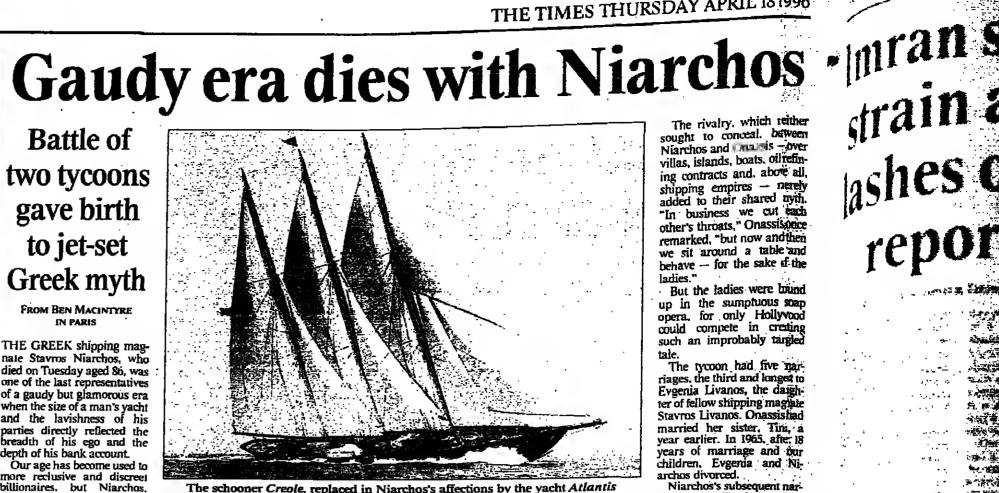
Greek myth

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

THE GREEK shipping magnate Stavros Niarchos, who died on Tuesday aged 86, was one of the last representatives of a gaudy but glamorous era when the size of a man's yacht and the lavishness of his parties directly reflected the breadth of his ego and the depth of his bank account.

Our age has become used to more reclusive and discreel billionaires, but Niarchos, with his brother-in-law and rival Aristotle Onassis, straddled the post-Second World War worlds of high society and business muscle, trailing money, former wives, mutual

loathing and the whiff of scandal behind them. They disbursed wealth conspicuously, on ever larger yachts, great paintings, para-



The schooner Creole, replaced in Niarchos's affections by the yacht Atlantis

dise retreats, fresh business ventures, and invited the world to gape. The age of Niarchos-Onassis was glorious in its vulgarity.

Niarchos was often described as a private man, at least compared with the swashbuckling Onassis, yet he had a taste for the rich

The assessments of contemman's gestures and pleasures that made Robert Maxwell seem a shrinking violet-whether handing out gold sovereigns to Athens children or hunting leopards in Mo-zambique, he wore his wealth on the sleeve of his impeccable suits - ordered from a Milan

poraries over the years reflect how completely Niarchos became a figure of legend, even a clichė: "cool as glacier", "frankly sybaritic", "the New Argonaut, and so on. With his ten Renoirs and

seven Van Goghs, his racehorses and properties spread across the globe he was, to use an appropriately old-fash-ioned-sounding term, a founder of the "international jet set. His entertaining was fabulous, whether on his yacht, in bis Paris townhouse, or on the private Aegean island that he stocked with rare wild game and plants and exotic socialites, visiting royal-ty and world leaders. "Stavros never gives or goes to less than five parties a week," a friend noted in the 1950s. A short, handsome man

with an almost visible aura of energy, Niarchos often said of himself: "I am Greek and I fee! Greek." But, like others in the rarefied arena of the massively rich, he was oddly stateless, restlessly travelling the world's most luxurious places. It was no accident that his shipping fleet tended to sail under flags of convenience.

But the ladies were bund up in the sumptuous soan opera for only Hollywood could compete in creating such an improbably targled

The tycoon had five narriages, the third and longest to Evgenia Livanos, the daighter of fellow shipping magiate Stavros Livanos. Onassistiad married her sister. Tinz. a year earlier. In 1965, afte: 18 years of marriage and bur children. Evgenia and Niarchos divorced.

Niarchos's subsequent narriage to Charlotte Fird. daughter of the car baron. Henry Ford II, went the same way, whereupon he returned io Evgenia. When she diec in 1970 from an overdose of sleeping pills, a post-mortin examination indicated he had suffered physical abuse. Niarchos insisted the injures had been caused during is attempts to revive her and charges against him were dropped. A year later, in perhaps his most remarkable act of one-upmanship, he mirried Tina Onassis, his riva's former wife and his own former sister-in-law.

Onassis died in 1975, and one wonders whether Niachos came to miss the adversary whom he had cordialy detested for so many years According to one old jok: Onassis once went to Souh Africa for a heart transplant operation costing \$1 million.4 little later Niarchos did tle same. When he returned le boasted to his competitor that his new heart had cost him half that amount.

"And so it it should," Onasis replied. They gave you mine."

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Opera-singer Maria Callas at a nightclub will Niarchos's life-long rival, Aristotle Onassis





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Imran shows strain as he lashes out at reporter

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN LAHORE

CANCER patients returned day picked through the rubble gingerly to Imran Khan's bomb-damaged charity hospital in Lahore yesterday as he and his wife. Jemima, contemplated the impact of the attack on their increasingly exposed lives in the sinister world of Pakistani politics.

The strain on the former Pakistani cricket captain showed: he punched a reporter at the hospital for asking what was regarded as an offensive question, and expressed disgust at a suggestion that he arranged Sunday's blast himself to gain

political mileage.

The poor, sitting in wheelchairs in makeshift waiting areas, were assured that doctors and nurses had heeded Mr Khan's appeals to continue their humanitarian work and that treatment would remain free.

The charity must now raise funds for repairs. It costs 250 million rupées (£5 million) a year to run the hospital, which sees about 200 patients a day. Mr Khan uses his mass appeal to keep the money pouring in. All patients are meanstested; last year only 8 per cent

Mrs Jemima, as she is commonly known here, must be wondering into what kind of murky political world her marriage last year has taken her. Mr Khan must regard himself as an assassination target as he prepares to enter politics in a bid for the premiership.

day to study fundraising schemes to pay for repairs to the hospital estimated at £1 million. The damage could take a year to fix. He returned to his home in the Zaman Park district of Lahore late last night; aware that life can never be the same. Today he will again visit the hospital. which was opened in Decem-ber 1994 and named after his support to nervous staff:

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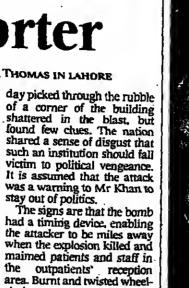
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what he calls a reformist movement, which will evolve into a party once it formulates policies on unemployment,

flict with India over Kashmir. He has his sights set on the general election due in 1998. although he says there is no guarantee that he will be ready by then to make a bid for the post of Prime Minister. His manifesto may mark a shift away from an earlier fascination with Islamic fundamentalism, which worried educated Pakistani women. He once said Muslim women could do anything as long as their husbands gave them

chairs strewn about the build-ing attested to the power of the

blast. Pieces of furniture

hurled through windows still

Mr Khan's foray into poli-

tics may not be announced

officially for another few

weeks. Initially he will launch

drugs, violence and the con-

lay on the lawns yesterday.

He has reinvented himself in the past year from a Westernised playboy to a tra-ditional Pakistani in baggy clothes. For a time he associated with General Hamid Gul, a fundamentalist hardliner who was head of the Pakistan intelligence agency. He was also close to the youth wing of the fundamentalist Jamaat-i-

Islami party.
Protection for Mr Khan and lare mother, to give moral his wife was stepped up last night, although security at the Explosives experts yester hospital remained light.



Dr Philip Nitschke with his computer program. The "final message" is on screen



Lethal drug: Nembutal, being used for euthanasia

Nurse will be first on death machine

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

A NURSE with terminal cancer hopes to be the first person to take advantage of the voluntary euthanasia laws which come into effect in Australia's Northern Territory on July 1, it was revealed

yesterday. Mrs Jan Culhane plans to use Dr Philip Nitschke's controversial computer software that will allow her to kill

herself by lethal injection. After making a series of commands at a bedside laptop computer — linked to a syringe driver - she will see this message on screen: "If you press 'Yes, you will cause a lethal injection to be given within 30 secoods and will die. Do you wish to proceed? If she does so, Mrs Culhane will lose coociousness and die painlessly a few seconds later.

Before she takes that final step, two doctors have to agree she is suffering from an illness that will result in death; and a psychiatrist has

to establish that she is not suffering from treatable clinical depression. Mrs Culhane, 51, a nurse

for 30 years, has seen many of her patients suffer agonising death, a fate she is desperate to avoid. "I'm by no means under more pain that I've seen people survive, but it is pain that I am not willing to

accept," she says. Mrs Culhane developed breast cancer five years ago. and has had both hreasts removed. The cancer has now spread to her lymph glands.
A mother of three, separated from her husband, she has

already left her home in Albury, New South Wales, to live in Darwin. Critics of the legislation, who include the Australian Medical Association, fear Darwin could become the death capital of the world, as hundreds of terminally ill people make their way there for a date with Dr Nitschke's "death machine".

purge of diplomats

Canberra

promises

AUSTRALIA'S new Foreign Minister, Alexander Downer, yesterday promised to clean up his country's embassies after recent revelations of paedophile rings run by its senior serving and former diplomats in Asia.

The "ugly envoy" scandal has ruined Mr Downer's inaugural tour, which takes him round the very "sex triangle" haunted by the errant diplomats. When he landed in Indonesia yesterday he was faced by allegations that William Brown, a former Second Secretary in the embassy in Jakarta, had been involved with four other Australians in a paedophile ring on the

nearby island of Lombok. Mr Brown and Robert Dunn, a former Sydney teacher, are being investigated by Indonesian and Australian federal police.

Last year Ken Aldred, a maverick Liberal MP, accused John Holloway, a former Ambassador to Manila and Cambodia, and three other senior diplomats, of being paedophiles. Mr Holloway has since returned to Australia and last week faced questions from police in Canberra.

Since then another topranking diplomat has been suspended on full pay, pending an investigation into child abuse allegations. Sources in Canberra said yesterday that he was believed to have worked in South-East Asia, although his whereabouts are

unknown. Mr Downer, who had been hoping to use his tour to bolster diplomatic and trade relations, said that "no stone would be left unturned" in the Government's purge of the diplomatic service. He described the alleged activities of Mr Brown as "abhorrent

behaviour". Mr Dunn, who appears to have been sheltered by Mr Brown for several months, has been described by an Austra-lian royal commission as a paedophile. The commission, which is continuing its work, has been investigating child sex abuse allegations against diplomats and businessmen for the past year. James Wood, of the commission, described Mr Dunn's exploits as "evil" and "frightening".

Doctor tells of backpackers' fatal wounds

BY ROGER MAYNARD

THE deaths of two British backpackers were detailed in a catalogue of injuries outlined in an Australian court yesterday. The jury listened in si-lence as Dr Peter Bradhurst, a forensic pathologist who carried out post-mortem examinations on Caroline Clarke and Joanne Walters, revealed

the extent of their wounds. He said Walters, from Maesteg, Mid Glamorgan, had suffered at least 14 stab wounds to the chest and neck. There was a gag around her mouth, and an untied ligature around her neck "suggested an attempt at strangulation or some form of restraint".

The body of Clarke, whose parents live near Hexham. Northumbria, was found with

a red cloth, which was peppered with gunshot holes. She had been shot ten times in the head and stabbed in the chest.

Or Bradhurst said the stab wounds would have had to have been made by a 30mm knife. Shown a Bowie knife in court, he said he would have expected the blade to have caused a different-sized entry wound. Ivan Milat, a roadworker who is alleged to have owned the knife, has pleaded not guilty to the murder of seven backpackers and the kidnapping of Paul Onions, a British tourist.

Earlier, Stephen Wright, an equity specialist from Beckenham, Kent, told how he met Clarke and Walters while he was on a working holiday

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during 1992. They had worked as grapepickers in a winery at Mildura, Victoria, and toured Tasmania together.

On their return to Sydney. he put them up in his room at a backpackers' hostel on April 17, 1992, just before they left in search of harvesting work in Western Australia. They were not officially at the hostel on the night, to avoid paying for another night's accommodation," he said. They left early the following morning.
The prosecution asked:

"Did you ever see them again?" He replied: "No." Their remains were discovered five months later in the Belanglo State Forest in the Southern Highlands of New South Wales.



Clarke repeatedly shot in the head



Walters: stabbed in the chest and neck



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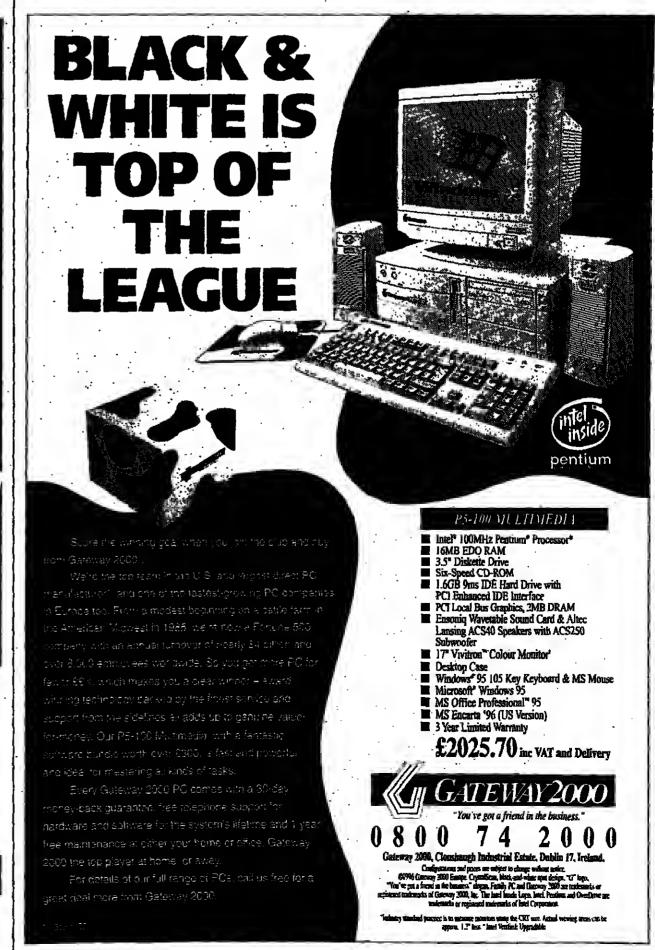
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FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

JAPAN and the United States. in a historic declaration yesterday, agreed to strengthen their defence alliance and pursue a joint strategy to maintain peace and prosperity in Asia and the Pacific in the posi-Cold War era.

At a watershed summit. President Clinton and Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Japanese Prime Minister, celebrated the US-Japan security treaty as the anchor of "one of the most successful bilateral relationships in history".

Playing down the trade frictions that plagued previous summits. Mr Clinton and Mr Hashimoto focused on the need to restructure the alliance between the world's two biggest economic powers by expanding the role of the Japanese armed forces. "Our security alliance is the key to maintaining a Pacific at peace. profound regional change." Mr Clinton said,

In a joint declaration on security, issued after the talks. the US pledged to maintain its current level of about 100,000 troops in East Asia, including 47,000 stationed in Japan. Mr

Hashimoto committed Japan to continue paying most of the costs of maintaining the US military presence.

Last night the Japanese media were unanimous in their opinion that the summit had lived up to its billing as the 'most significant summit since the end of the Cold War" — words that William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, had used to preview the meeting.

The three-day official visit, which began on Tuesday, has been full of pomp. President and Mrs Clinton twice met Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, when they were officially welconted and later yesterday at a banquet at the Imperial Palace.

After the meeting with Mr Hashimoto. Mr Clinton said America was committed to reducing the number of US bases on the southern island of Okinawa, where the military presence is most intrusive. Washington decided to return several facilities in a bid to calin anri-base protests on Okinawa after the rape of a schoolgirl by three US serviceinen last vear.

Standing beside the Presi-

dent in the grounds of Tokyo's Akasaka Palace yesterday, Mr Hashimoto emphasised that, without the US military presence. Japan would have to rearm itself, which would perturb its neighbours.

The summit marked the first time that leaders of Japan and America had come together to address the security challenges posed by the end of the Cold War and the waning of the Soviet threat. Now, the deterrent value of their alliance lies in coping with the increasing power of China and uncertainties about Pe-

king's future behaviour. The closer defence ties were symbolised by Mr Clinton's visit to the USS Independence. the aircraft carrier deployed last month to deter any Chinese attack on Taiwan during Peking's hostile military exercises. Speaking on board the carrier, anchored at Yokosuka, southwest of Tokyo, Mr Clutton said its deployment helped to calm a rising storm". A Japanese Navy cruiser tied up alongside, and its crew joined in welcoming the President.

Under the new security



Empress Michiko, right, introduces Hillary Clinton to members of the Imperial Family at a welcoming ceremony yesterday at the Akasaka Palace

alliance. Japan will in future play an active role alongside US forces in the forces in the common cause of defending the Asia-Pacific region. The two leaders also discussed what they could do in case of a conflict in Asia.

and agreed to review guidelines on defence co-operation. Until now Japan had argued that a conflict in Korea or the Taiwan Strait was not its business. But many Japanese are now aware that the second

biggest economic power can no longer shirk its responsibilities. Politicians have been preparing the country for a further watering-down of its peace constitution by saying that Tokyo would incur world

censure if it denied assistance 10 US forces engaged in a Korean conflict.

Over the past year, reams from the Pentagon and the Japanese Self-Defence Forces have worked together on the

operation enshrined in yesteray's declaration enabling Mr Clinton and Mr Hashimoto to wax eloquent about common security objectives as

Jimmy the Goodfella makes gentle exit



FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

JIMMY THE GENT has died, but not in a burst of bullets. Mohster James Burke. to give him his real nante, was one of New York's original "Goodfellas" and was played in the film by Robert de Niro. He has died of cancer in hospital, after being taken there from prison.

Burke, of Irish immigrant stock, rose to prominence in New York's predominant-Italian mob after the then record theft if \$5.8 ntillion from a Lufthansa jetliner at Kennedy airport in 1978. Police said that he was the head of the operation, although they never pinned the crime on the man whose other nickname was "the Irish Godfather".

Many of those involved in the airport heist came to unpleasant ends in what became a notorious falling-out among thieves. Eight of them disappeared with concrete boots - and a pert beautician called Theresa Ferrara was chopped up into little pieces and scattered over New Jersey from a helicopier. Burke congregation is expected.

was called "Jimmy the Gent" partly in fearful irony, partly because he was one of those criminals who would help old age pensioners across the street and call police "Mr".

"I marvelled at his charm," said Ed McDonald, a former head of New York's Organised Crime Strike Force. "He was always polite."

Gambling was Burke's weakness, and the police finally tripped him up on a 1982 charge of fixing college basketball games. He was later convicted of murder. His victim, a drug dealer, was found in a meat freezer with his limbs "hog-tied".

At his own death. Jimmy the Gent still had ten years to do in jail. He died aged 64, a good tally for a mobster, and he went with his boots off", as the mourners remarked to each other at the James Romanelli undertaker's parlour where he deserved special rates. The funeral is today, and a dark-suited, bulky-jacketed

gasping for Cuban cigar

New York: Poor tobacco crops and increased customs vigilance have caused a shortage of black market Cuban cigars in America (Quentin Letts writes].

Despite a trade embargo mposed by President Kennedy in 1963, a smuggling network has ensured that American smokers continued to enjoy the powerful "hit" of Cuban cigar.

The current shortage in which prices have risen by around 40 per cent with 50 coronas fetching at least \$550 (£566), started in earnest two weeks ago after the recent deterioration in relations be-Washington and

US smokers | Buchanan snipes at Dole with call for tough line on China

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PAT BUCHANAN out Bob Dole, the Republican presidential nominee, on the spot vesterday by demanding an end to America's "abject appeasement" of China.

The conservative columnist was speaking for many on the Regulation Right who believe it is time that the party treated China as a "noxious neighbourhood buily" and "the biggest rogue nation on earth". Mr Dole is so torn on the issue, however, that he has cancelled a speech he was to have made in California on

President Clinton must decide by June 4 whether to

Monday.

sion of China's most favoured nation trading status, which means low tariffs on Chinese imports. He is expected to do so despite Peking's continuing human rights abuses, then of American intellectual proper-ny rights, flouting of arms control agreements and recent aggression towards Taiwan.

Such a decision would give Mr Dole a great opportunity to anack the President for coddling "the butchers of Beijing - the very accusation Clinton made against President Bush during the 1992 presidential campaign.

However, Mr Dole has long supported preferential trading

because his home state of Kansas does considerable business with China. The Republicans' traditional business interests want China's favoured status renewed and Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, declared his support for a further extension

yesterday.
Mr Dole hopes to make Mr
Clinton's wobbly foreign policy performance a key election & issue this autumn, but the Republicans are deeply divid-ed on a whole range of foreign policy issues ranging from the role of the United Nations to Nato expansion, and from intervention in Bosnia-Herze-



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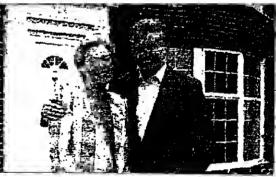
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General tells Peres not to end war in Lebanon too soon

From Christopher Walker in Jerusalem

ISRAEL'S top military officer in Lebanon yesterday issued an unprecedented challenge to Shirnon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, urging him not to order a swift end to

Operation Grapes of Wrath. The intervention by Briga-dier-General Giora Inbar has prompted an extraordinary political dispute in Israel about the conduct of the war in Lebanon.

The general, a controversial war hero who is regarded by many Israelis as too popular and closely involved in the fighting to dismiss, told reporters that the Israel Defence Force would not let Mr Peres negotiate an end to the war at

The general's challenge to the authority of the man who doubles as Prime Minister and Defence Minister cast a shadow over American-led diplomatic efforts to end the fighting, now in its seventh day. It provoked fury among

MILITARY CHALLENGE

left-wing Israeli politicians who were concerned that their country was once again being dragged back into the Leba-

nese "quagmire".
"We are advancing step by step. We will not permit a situation in which the Prime Minister suddenly stops us without having accomplished the tasks," the general said at the Tel Naches base in the occupied south Lebanon "security zone" held by Israel since 1985. He repeatedly broke off from his remarks to direct artillery reprisals against at-

tacks to the north. Fears immediately swept the Labour-led Government that the top brass had effectively usurped power from Mr Peres, a politician renowned for not having a military

Many commentators saw

Hezbollah rejects peace conditions

By MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND **OUR FOREIGN STAFF**

THE pro-Iranian Hezbollah group yesterday rejected an American proposal for ending a week-long Israeli blitz into Lebanon and renewed its commitment to its guerrilla warfare against Israel's occupation of south Lebanoo.

"We reject the American initiative," Hezbollah MP Ali Ammar said, "To us, the American proposal means

President Clinton, speaking in Tokyo, regretted that the peace initiative had not made progress but insisted: "We will do what we can to bring an end to the violence and try to re-establish a workable agreement" Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State. tive, telephoning the foreign ministers of Syria, Egypt and Saudi Arabia from Tokyo.

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Mr Ammar said: "We believe that the American side is not fit to launch any initiatives because it provides the political, moral and military cover for the Israeli aggression. Any American initiative is naturally in line with the Israeli conditions ... We assert our basic principles to continue our resistance so long as occupation of our land

America has refused to criticise the Israeli offensive and repeatedly blamed Hezbollali rocket attacks for provoking Israel. A State Department spokesman said: What we would like to see is an agreement by Hezbollah to stop the rocket attacks. We believe that if Hezbollah agrees to do that in good faith there is reason to believe that Israel would also be willing to

and Defence Committee demanded an explanation from Lieutenant-General Amnon Shahak, the Chief of Staff. He told the committee that General Inbar's statement was "silly and unnecessary". The Israeli Government is

the influence of the main right-

wing Likud opposition party

behind the general's remarks:

Likud has argued that Opera-

tion Grapes of Wrath has not

yet gone far enough in dis-

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General Inbar is the liaison

officer with Israel's client mili-

tia, the South Lebanon Army

(SLA), which is carrying out

most of the fighong against

Hezbollah targets on the

but at this juncture of the

military operation he will not

be sacked," one Israeli official

said. That would pull the

carpet from under the feet of

Government members of

the Knesset's Foreign Affairs

"He will be reprimanded,

Hezbollah.

ground

anxious about the effects of the conflict on domestic opinion before the general election on May 29 and the American-led diplomace efforts to bring about a ceasefire. Dedi Tsuker, a left-wing member of the Knesset, said: "One should hope that it is not the army which is leading the political echelon in this operation as one may guess from [General]

inbar's statements." Uri Dromi, the head of the Government's press office, said: "This was an aberration by this man and not a sign that the Government and the military are not working in complete harmony on this

Some diplomatic observers believe General Inbar spoke out in an attempt to warn the Government against trying to bring about any quick halt to the fighting such as that ordered in 1993 to end Operation Accountability. They pointed out that there was an undercurrent of hawkish



Rafik Hariri has a final inspection by a military aide before meeting John Major

Major offers aid for civilians fleeing onslaught

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR yesterday told Rafik Hariri, the Lebanese Prime Minister, that Britain was ready to rush emergency aid to Lebanon to help civilians fleeing the onslaught.

The Downing Street talks came as Britain took a mark-edly more critical line towards the Israeli attacks on Lebanon. The Prime Minister expressed his concern, and said everything must be done to break the cycle of violence. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secre-tary, said Britain was disturbed by the rising number of civilian casualties. The mounting violence was another threat to the peace process. New humanitarian problems were developing as people fled from the south of the country.

Mr Hariri told a press conference that his Government would not try to disarm Hezbollah while the Israelis occupied the south of Lebanon. That would be a betrayal. and would condone the occupation. Peace was not possible until Israel fulfilled United Nations resolution 425 calling for the removal of its troops.

He welcomed both the American and French peace proposals: each had points that Lebanon could accept as well as unacceptable proposLONDON

plans, and supported their demand that Israel stop attacking Lebanese civilians. The Israeli attacks had not harmed Hezboliah, he noted: on the contrary, they had

strengthened the radical group. No Hezbollah fighter had been killed, and its military machine was intact. Mr Hariri admined that Hezboliah posed problems for his Government. But he added: "If Israel asks us to make life easy for them while they are occupying parts of our country, we are not going to do thai. No Lebanese govern-

ment could do that." Israel had made it quite clear that its intention was to hurt Lebanon's economic recovery. The attacks on power stations had plunged Beirut into darkness. But he defiantly rejected any infimidation. Beirut was not in panic, he said: the currency was stable; and France had promised emergency help to repair the power

stations within two days.

Last night the British Red Cross launched an emergency appeal for those displaced by the lighting. It said that an estimated 400,000 people had fled, and the exodus was still

Defiant few remain in frontline ghost city

"ALLAH be with you." said the nervous young Lebanese soldier manning an anti-aircraft position, as he waved us into Tyre, a virtual ghost city on the last active front line in

the Arab-Israeli conflict. There had seemed little 10 fear as we approached on the deserted coastal road. Farmers still picked crops in the citrus groves and banana plantations and street traders sold foam mattresses to the homeless. "Dream Well" said one sign.

However, within minutes of entering the city, once the centre of the ancient Phoenician civilisation, the boom of an Israeli warplane breaking the sound barrier shook the amı prov some scornful amusement for a group of Lebanese and Palestinian men lounging out-

In the bombarded city of Tyre, Michael Theodoulou discovers a mood of grim fatalism as Israel returns to the attack

side a rundown café with blown-out windows. They had experienced much worse in

past days and years. Tyre, usually home to more than 200,000 people, was occupied by Israeli forces for three years after their 1982 invasion of Lebanon. Since Sunday's Israeli ultimatum for everyone to leave, the city and several villages surrounding it, have suffered an averApache helicopter gunship swooping low over a village

south of the city.
There was a distant rumble and a plume of dense smoke which rose above the wooded hills of the Jebel Amal, the Hills of Hope.

"Lucky Strike" read a cigarette advertisement hoarding over the café above a poster of Ayatollah Khomeini, the late Iranian leader. The air raids mildly curious sightseers, the group of men stirred them-selves to watch an Israeli ued all day. A convoy of five white vehicles with blue-helmeted Ghanaian United

Nations screamed past, bearing humanitarian aid for some 6.000 civilians in southern Lebanon who have thrown themselves at the UN's mercy.

The ferocity of the blitz meani overstretched UN peacekeepers were unable to reach hundreds more people they feared marooned, hungry and short of medicine.

The mood of the few thousand who have remained in Tyre and braved the Israeli blitz that has filled its hospital with mostly civilian casualties was one of defiant fatalism. Some were grimly satisfied that Hezbollah has rejected an American ceasefire proposal and had continued to fire

into northern Israel. "The only language Israel understands is force," said

peacekeepers Mahmoud Kod, a student who added that he had remained in Tyre to show his support for Hezbollah.

Metulla, northern Israel: When Israel allowed Lebanese children to cross the country's northern border yesterday to receive medical treatment. some journalists present felt the operation was so stagemanaged they could not report it (Ross Dunn writes).

The mission's objective was to show that Israelis care about the suffering of Lebanese civilians. Some journalists felt those coming across the border were being treated just as much by "spin doctors" as they were by medical practitioners. Never before been so deluged with information by the usually reserved Israeli military authorities.

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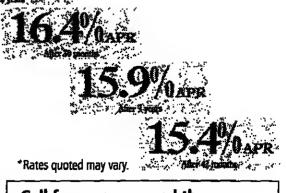
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AFTER the recent sperm-count scare, which revealed that men are becoming less able to procreate because of ubiquitous artificial oestrogens, global warming and tight trousers, a new report has driven the final nail into the coffin of what was once the male sex

A study by the marriage guid-ance service Relate claims that the incidence of impotence has been rising steadily, as it were, over the past ten years (one in four men in psychosexual therapy complain of the problem), and that the cause of this is purely social. There has been a significant increase in power for women." says a Relate therapist, commenting on the find-ings. "And this has led to disorders in male desires, with them feeling uninterested in sex."

Among other explanations, it has been suggested that men may feel that the only power left to them is the power to say "no" to sex. While this is clearly reactionary sexism, it does reopen some of the old wounds of the sexual revolution. As

well as some of the questions. Can a powerful woman make a man feel so uncomfortable that he is unable to perform sexually? Can the existence of female superiors in the office operate a general emasculation that he takes home with him in the evenings? And does this mean that an environment of social and professional equality compromises traditional sexual relations? The trouble, as ever, is getting

any sense out of men. Taxi driver Mark Law, 34, sees it like this: "When you've got a bird in the back of the cah your first thought is always 'what are my chances'. But when it is a woman with a briefcase who wants to go to Bishopsgate, then it's strictly hands off, know what I mean? They don't do anything for me. But I'm sure I

Vic Harper, 27, is a foreign



The classic question . . . but now it is being asked by men who are worried that the growing power of women at work is threatening their masculinity

Why successful women fail to turn men on

exchange dealer in the City. "This is a tricky one." he says. "Looking around me I can't see a single woman in the dealing room. The only ones in this company are secretaries. But if I had a powerful boss I can't imagine I would feel emasculated. I would consider it a challenge to seduce her.

be at work, I suspect she'd be a pussycat in the bedroom. I think it would make her much more attractive, more of a challenge . . . a touch of the Sharon Stones.

What if his own girlfriend were suddenly to become powerful, returning from work late. in a pinstripe suit, after a hard day's asset stripping? "I'd fancy her even

more, and pounce on her the moment she got in. It's like having a 32-year-old when you are only 16 - the ultimate high - but as you get older, power replaces age as the thing that makes a woman exciting and, in a way, frightening. It's something extra to brag about to

inferiority complex, well, you don't tell them that, do you?

The experience of Dr Thomas Stuttaford suggests that a number of men may be concealing their failures in this way. He cites a survey taken among farming families in which the women were found often to be frigid, but the men very potent, "When these

families moved to the city," he says. the women got jobs and lost their frigidity, only to find the men had become impotent. I saw a lot of this when I was working in a VD clinic. It is all because men are brought up, wrongly, to think of themselves as stags and the women as receptive hinds. But when that balance is challenged the men - particularly

those with fragile self-esteem start having trouble."

This problem does not afflict This problem does not affect photographer Robin March, whose griffriend is a successful journalist. "I can't say I've noticed any qualitative difference in my performance," he says. "A woman is only a woman, after all. They just have different buttons."

different buttons." Meaning you have to press different emotional buttons, so to speak, to generate sexual responses in women of different statuses?

"No. I mean they have different buttons. A successful woman his lots of big Chanel buttons down the front of her power suit. A student has the first one of her power suit. has the fly-buttons on her jesses. And a really chesp date will have

no buttons at all, just a zip.
It seems that the onset of second generation Laddism has blown away the sexual reticence of the early 1990s, and men are forced to profess sexual interest in any animate object that crosses their path. Who knows, maybe Patsy Kensit's fame causes even Liam Gallagher trouble in bed? Bur would he admit to it?

nlikely. It would be like Macheth admitting that he had not had a tumble since his wife took an' interest in politics. "Unsex me here!" she cried, and repeatedly cursed her femininity. The logic of Macbeth equates power with masculinity, and to get her way Lady Macbeth had to become a man. Now, everyone knows that Mac-beth's mactivity was actually a metaphor for his sexual imposence he simply could not perform for such a powerful woman.

geg shoff

Rodney Logan, a 26-year-old pilot, has encountered similar problems. "One of my instructors, on an important flight test, was a very lovely young German," he says. I knew that she fancied me, and felt that I was obliged to impress her with my flying to confirm her desire. It all got rather steamy. But there were a thousand other things I should have been concentrating on. In the event, I made a mess of the flight, and when she did make a pass at me, I wasn't in the mood at all. So no test

pass, and no hanky-panky."

And what has he learnt? "I have taught myself to be utterly oblivi-ous to sex, and act on a strictly nogender basis. Spending long hours alone in a subservient position with women in their late-twenties, the thought invariably comes up. Bin I have to pretend I have no balls. It is the only way."

☐ Most mental patients are docile but can we predict when one will strike? ☐ Hay-fever sufferers should take early treatment

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Dr Thomas

Stuttaford

your mates, and if you encounter

operational difficulties due to an

AFTER my father had qualified as a doctor he found that his duties severely interfered with playing cricket. His compromise was to accept a junior hospital appointment at Cane his team-mate. This gesture Even today when diagnosis undeniable that they are more Hill, the psychiatric hospital io Surrey. At Cane Hill his clinical duties weren't arduous, he had plenty of time off to play cricket and was even able to organise a hospital

side for the patients and staff. One fellow team member, a schizophrenic, was a particular friend and as a result my father spent much of his time on the ward, chatting to him about cricket, life and psychiatric problems. One day after the usual jolly morning chat, my father was about to leave the room, but before leaving turned round to give a wave to

Signs of violence

may have saved his life, for at that moment his fellow cricketer clubbed him with a long, thick sock which had been painstakingly filled with stones collected over maoy weeks from the cricket field. The sudden turn before leaving resulted in the blow falling on my father's shoulders rather than his head.

For the rest of his life my father used this story to illustrate his view that violence is not always predictable and that it requires more experi-ence than he had at the time to notice any warning signs. and care in hospitals has improved immeasurably, one in ten patients still assault staff, and NHS workers are three times more likely than their contemporaries in industry to be injured.

Although the mentally ill account for a very small proportion of the perpetrators of violent crime, stories of such crime when it involves psychiatric patients being cared for in the community. usually attract headlines. The great majority of schizophrenic patients are over-sensitive and retiring by nature but it is

likely than the rest of the population to be involved in violent incidents. The British Medical Journal has recently

carried an article by Jeremy Coid. Professor of Forensic Psychiatry at Barts and the London Hospitals Medical College, on these risks in which he admits that the true potential for dangerous behaviour may ously underestimated. So while for doctors, pa-

tients and their families it is comforting to know that in any one year, 90 per cent of schizophrenics whose disease is not complicated by other mental problems are unlikely to be involved in any violent episode, for the patients' neighbours a 10 per cent chance of a barny next door,

in the street or at work may seem unacceptable. Both Professor Coid's arti-

cle and the commentary on it outline the factors which may help to predict which patients are more likely to be violent. This more detailed and careful assessment is essential. It might in the past have saved

> miliating and potentially lethal attack, but if today it could be used to give greater selectivity when choosing those who are to be cared for in the community, the genpublic eral would be saved

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from baving their fears unnecessarily aroused by the occasional act of violence.

The clinical indications of risk are numerous but paranoid persecutory delusions are the most obvious risk factor either when they result in the patient feeling under threat, or when patients feel that their minds are controlled by outside forces.



Foundation decided to start its antihav fever cam-

paign early this year, it had no way of knowing that spring would be so late. Usually by the secood week

of April those who suffer from a streaming nose, red eyes and uncontrollable sneezing when they are confronted by pollen would have already been closing the windows and reaching for their dark glass-es, while leaving it to others to wander idly beneath the cherry blossom.

The foundation's campaign is designed to encourage pa-tients to commence taking their treatment before the hay-fever season has reached its peak, which normally corresponds to the time when the atmosphere is heaviest with grass pollens - in June and

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antihistamines, which do not

cross the blood brain barrier and so do not cause sleepiness, are effective in 80 per cent of cases. By starting to use them

now, patients may not only avoid the serious consequences of hay fever - poor work performance, bad exam results and possible road accidents - but may also be able to enjoy a better social life. Sniffing into a sodden handkerchief has never done much to increase sex appeal.

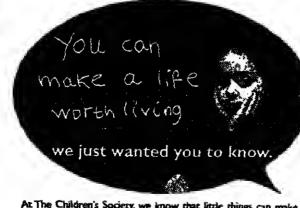


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BORIS YELTSIN strode purposefully into the Moscow bar as a group of dozy waiters and waitresses snapped to attention with a look of disbelief on their faces.

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The man who seldom ventures out of the confines of the Kremlin, unless he is escorted by a cavalcade of limousines and bodyguards, bad wandered in off the street and ordered a large brandy."1 should get out and about a bit more like this," said the silverhaired Russian, nodding regally at the startled customers. "The people love it when they

can see me up close." The ruse would probably have worked, had Aleksandr Skorokhod, Yeltsin's lookalike, not been joined at that moment by a Lenin double, complete with goatee beard and worker's cap, who upstaged the performance with a noisy speech about world

"Typical of a communist," snarled Skorokhod amicably about his fellow impostor, with whom he often works in a double act. "They always want the last word."

Skorokhod entered a lookalike contest in 1990, along with hundreds of Lenevs and Gorbachevs. Although he easily beat the other 28 contestants for the



It is him, or isn't it? Aleksandr Skorokhod (alias Boris Yeltsin) poses for the camera in a Moscow sauna

Yeltsin category, he was not fully convinced of his likeness until he tested it out on some unsuspecting Muscovites.

"I was walking down the Arbat (a famous Moscow street) with a guy from Kazakhstan who won the Ronald Reagan competition," he recalls. "I noticed that he had a button missing from his coat and that we were in front of a haberdashery shop. I went in. explained that the American President was outside and that we needed their help. The old ladies fell for it and got to work sewing on a new button."

A year later, when the Soviet Union collapsed and Yeltsin a retired engineer from southern Russia who survives on a £50-a-month pension, found himself very popular. In the old days, a double's only role was that of disinformation appearing in public in place of a desperately sick leader, for example. But post cold war, lookalikes are in buge demand. Skorokhod has had walk-on roles in six foreign films, including a bit part in

such cult status in his home town of . Taganrog that the local administration frequently invites him to attend public functions in an effort to lighten the atmosphere during VIP

Police Academy VII.

"When Solzhenitsyn came to visit our area I was introduced

said. "The poor man started a long speech, before he realised he had been tricked. To give him credit, he thought it was very funny. The same is not true of Vladimir Zhirinovsky (the ultra-nationalist leader). he was left speechless."

The more Skorokhod plays the role of the President, the more he finds he has in common with Yeltsin other than just the extraordinary similarity of his facial features. "I was very surprised by

how alike we are," he says. "We both worked as construction engineers, we were both in the Communist Party and joke. The two did meet once during the shooting of a film to him as the President," he in Yeltsin's office, when the Russian leader came into the room. "As we stood facing each other, a priest who was part of the film walked in and dld not know which of us to address until he recognised the missing fingers on Yeltsin's hand from a childhood accident."

After six years of impersonating the Kremlin leader. Skorokhod's brief acting career could be in jeapardy. however, since President Yeltsin is trailing in the polls and faces a tough re-election battle this June.

"I have noticed that people have changed their attitudes to Yeltsin. They used to be much with genuine regret. "Still, he can be sure of at least one loyal

Paul Heiney on why a charity's vital work has stopped

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THIS morning the Arch-bishop of Ugaoda, Living-stone Mpalanyl-Nkoyoyo, on a goodwill visit to Bristol, will speak of the continuing urgent need of his country for fresh milk to combat malnutrition.

At the same time, we in Britain are busy devising schemes in which 15,000 cows can be sent to the incinerator every week for no scientifically proved reason, but to "restore confi-

dence".

Forget for one moment, if you can, the uncomfortable iuxtaposition of these two events, and think instead of one cow in particular. She was called Tutti; a black and white Friesian beifer bought two years ago by readers of this newspaper and sent to Uganda as part of an in-spired aid scheme run by Send a Cow, the charity based in Bath. On your behalf, I went with her.

The moment I handed her over to her new keeper. Betty Kiwanuka, was unforgettable, not simply because of the tears in Betty's eye or the singing of joy-

ful hymns by the dozen children in her care; but because this was not a single gesture, rather the down-payment on a long-term in-vestment that would not only supply milk for the family and village but income for Betty with which she could buy education for her children and provide employment in her village.

It waso't all bad

news from the Paul H cow's point of view either. Send a Cow funds British-trained vets to oversee the training of the cows' new owners, teaches animal welfare and nutrition, and the growing of fodder crops. Given that the climate in Uganda is moist and warm and not overpowering despite its equatorial position, it is never steamier than a hot summer's day in Devon.

To prove the point, losses among cows exported to Uganda by Send a Cow are half what might be expected in a herd living in Britain. In other words, the gift of a cow brings food, health and wealth to those who need it most, and the cow is clearly should now send their money to other charities." The answer is no.

This year, because of the worldwide ban on the export of British cattle, no cows will be sent from Britain. Think what this could mean for the ten families who are eagerly waiting for this year's shipment. They bave worked hard building a sbelter for their cow, they have cleared tand on their small farms in order to grow elephant grass and other forage crops, and they have been trained in its care. It has already cost them dearly from their tiny incomes.

They have lived in hope for over a year having seen the transformation the coming of the cow has brought to the lives of others. I have seen it myself. One family I visited had put two children through university from the sale of surplus milk from just one cow.

Betty, to whom Tutti was given, can now afford to buy sugar and salt to offer her guests. It may seem little, but il matters a loi

to her. "We are trying to source Africa itself." says Georgia Clark. We may be able to find some in Zimbabwe, but the decision has been takeo that no cows will come from Britain this year."

l would not wish to be the one to break this news to the hopeful families in Uganda for whom the expected gift of a cow is the equivalent of a major lottery win. Send Send a Cow has sourced its a Cow will work on, despite

the ban. It funds artificial insemination schemes to ensure the next generation of cows and trains field workers who buzz through the bush on motorcycles offering ad-

vice to cow owners. But until the ban on the export of British cattle is lifted, the unique gift of the cow is on hold. Alas, as the Archbisbop will remind a silent, concerned Bristol audience this morning, the oeed of the Ugandans is not. Send a Cow, Unit 4, Priston Mill, Priston, Bath BA 29EQ. • Read Paul Heiney's column



Paul Heiney and the cow that brought hope

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No offspring of BSE-infected mothers were sent,

and no case of BSE has

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past weeks with concerned

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says Georgia Clark. "People

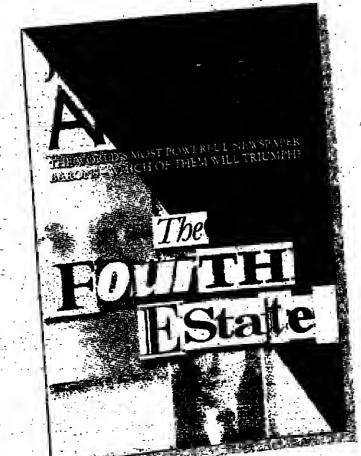
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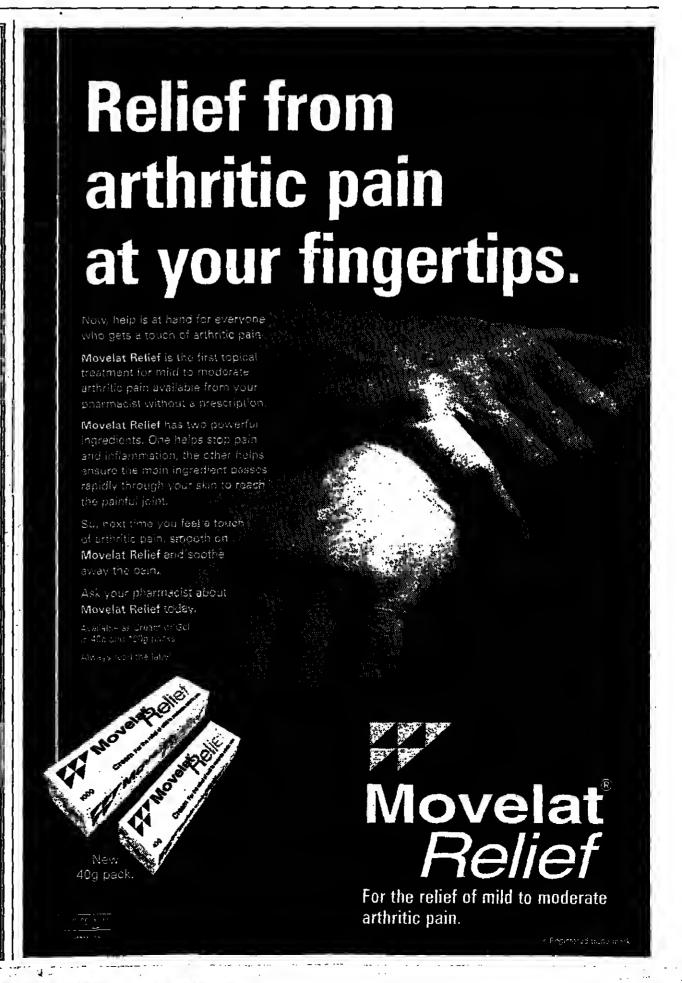
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The scoop that nearly ruined us

John Grigg throws some new light on the Parnell forgery

tory of The Times. It was the first occasion when the paper published a story under a double-column headline. but the story itself is what really matters; its consequences for the paper were profound.

The sensational feature was a facsimile letter, ostensibly written by the trish nationalist leader, Charles Stewart Parnell, which suggested that his public denunciation of the Phoenix Park murders had been hypocritical. A week be-fore the date on the letter, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, Lord Frederick Cavendish. and his Under-Secretary, T.H. Burke, had been stabbed to death while walking in Phoenix Park, Oublin.

In the lener, the death of

Cavendish was referred to as a regrettable "accident"; that of Burke as being "no more than his deserts". Appearing after three powerful articles in the paper on "Parnellism and Crime", this lener seemed to link Parnell to a recent and gruesome crime. The immediate impact of the articles, and above all of the letter, was highly beneficial to the Unionists — and The Times. But this did not last long.

Parnell had shown no inclination to Nothing respond to the general charge, being well aware that could atone his movement had for having close connections with men of vioprinted the and that much of the finanforgery cial support for it in America had violent

activity in view. But he dismissed the lener as "an unblushing fabrication" and called for a Commons select committee to inquire into it. The Conservative Government decided instead to set up a commission of three judges to investigate the wider question. In the course of its lengthy proceedings, the facsimile letter, and others that the paper had acquired through an intermediary. were exposed as forgeries. The forger, Richard Pigott, fled the country after giving evidence, and within days shot himself in a Madrid hotel room. having confessed to his guilt.

An important incidental effect of the commission was to boost the career of H.H. Asquith, who acted as junior counsel on the Parnellite side. The wide publicity that he gained in this role may have ensured his appointment straight to the senior Cabinet post of Home Secretary when Gladstone formed his last ministry in 1892

tt was very different for The Times and its founding dynasty, the Walters. Though the judges' eventual conclusions substantially vindicated the paper's general case, nothing could atone for the offence of the forged letters. Parnell's authority and prestige were restored, if only temporarily, while the paper under the Walters' ownership suffered irreparable damage.

The commission cost The Times £200,000 (equivalent to about £10 million today), at a time when h was facing stiff competition from cheaper papers. Perhaps an even worse loss, as the official Times

pril 18, 1887, was a fateful day in the history says, was of its "legend of inerrancy". The "awe of holy writ, which from the age of Barnes had clung about its column headline, but tory itself is what really ers; its consequences for aper were profound e sensational feature was simile letter, ostensibly mby the trish nationalist r, Charles Stewart Parscholarly background, includ-ing an All-Souls fellowship. After the Pigott debacle he offered to resign, but the offer was refused. He soldiered on for another quarter-century.

Meanwhile, in 1908, the

Walter regime came to an end. when the ailing paper was taken over by the supreme exponent of the new journalism. Lord Northcliffe. At first, Northcliffe's attitude to Buckle was friendly, even effusive, but they were basically incompatible. A man who made a point of having no telephone on his desk was not Northcliffe's kind of journalist, though when Roy Thomson gained control of the paper in 1966, the office. In 1912, Buckle was pushed out and began a second career as a biographer, and as editor of Queen Vic-toria's letters. He died in 1935.

A collection of Buckle's papers has recently been acquired for the archive of The Times, from Buckle's grandson. Patrick Pirie-Gordon, who readily saw the point of keeping the collection together. The paper's enter-

Dyas, says the collection fills a major gap. Having gone through the papers myself, I agree with him. Buckle was in close touch with many of the leading figures of his time. political and literary. Their letters to him contain much that should interest historians.

When the "Parnellism and Crime" articles were appearing. Buckle was given police official wrote to him: "You will certainly do well to return in a Hansom — the safest mode of conveyance owing to the fact that the driver is in a position whence he can see anyone approaching the vehicle."

Patrick Pirie-Gordon re-members his grandfa-ther well. He expected the young to keep mentally alert". At tea, "he would produce some Latin tag or quotation to be construed by a visiting grandson". This streak of pedantry was not confined to his dealings with the young. Among the letters now in the archive is one from Arthur Balfour, Leader of the Commons at the time, in which he apologises - with more than a hint of irony - for a grammaocal lapse noted by Buckle: "You are quite right; 'should' ought most undoubtedly to have been 'would' . . . " Balfour and Buckle were on

friendly terms and played golf together. But in December 1905, when Balfour resigned as Prime Minister, he made a mistake far graver than any grammatical slip in offering Buckle a baronetcy. Buckle's reply was a polite but magiste-



Adultery versus duty

first met Sarah Ferguson some years before she became a duchess. She was then working in William Drummond's art gallery in Covent Garden, where I was an occasional but enthusiastic customer. When one went in to see an exhibition, one was greeted by this rather bubbly young red-haired assis-tant who would hand out a catalogue and ask one to sign the visitors' book. Whatever may have happened to her since, she was not then the strangely exaggerated person one now reads

friendly and hard-working. That memory of her as a young woman would alone be enough to stop me joining in the chorus of criticism. I hope she will now get her life together again; at the very least, the Duchess of York obviously needs a good accountant. Nor would I want to criocise the Duke of York: I have never met him, but he seems to have behaved as well as anyone could expect in a painful situation. He has also risked his life for his country, for

about in the press. She was likeable,

vhich one should always be grateful. Nevertheless, there are public issues. The failure of three marriages of the Oueen's children has damaged the respect for the monarchy, both in Britain and in the Commonwealth. Yet these marriage failures are typical of the state of modern marriage in Britain, which has the highest divorce rate in Europe. No doubt it is more difficult to marry into the Royal Family than into the average family, but the royal outcome is not all that much worse than that of the average citizen. There must be many other families born in the second half of this century in which there have already been three divorces; some have no doubt suffered multiple divorces, which the

Royal Family has so far been spared. The damage to the Royal Family comes from our having higher expecourselves. That is part of their role. As citizens, we may recognise that we live in a modern age, which has much more hedonisoc values than earlier generations. We nevertheless expect the Royal Family to preserve the more stoical values of the period of the British Empire and the world wars. These values were exemplified by the reigns of King George V and King George VI, and by the Queen herself. They were contradicted by the brief reign of King Edward VItt, who could never understand the contemporary public resentment at

Monarchy is a demanding institution — but so is matrimony

his putting personal happiness ahead of his duty to the country. His life is still an awful warning.

Monarchy depends on the ancient values system of honour and duty. It cannot function unless it commands loyalty, and loyalty can only be won by an absolute willingness to sacrifice personal inclination to public duty. Edward VIII's view that marriage to the woman he loved mattered more than the throne of England was quite incompatible with this overriding claim of duty. Yet obviously such an apparently archaic value system has been widely rejected in the contem-

porary world, and in its fullest sense is now hardly held by anyone. This conflict between the old and the new values threatens the survival of monarchy in every country

where the institution has so far survived the many

dangers of the 20th century. Yet this conflict is at least as great a threat to marriage as it is to monarchy, and marriage is by far the more important of the two institutions. Monarchy depends on putting duty ahead of pleasure, as the Queen has done, and as her father and grandfather did before her. Marriage depends on that as well. Neither institu-Oon has a chance of success unless there is a commitment to endurance and self-sacrifice: the hedonistic calculus is equally destructive of both.

Without asking Lerin's question —
"Who, whom?" — there has clearly
been a lot of adultery in these failed royal marriages; indeed, two of the eading figures have publicly confessed to it on television. Many of the marriages of my contemporaries have lailed; in most of those failures there has been adultery on one side or both, and it has played a large part in these breakdowns. Sometimes it has been the primary and sometimes the secondary cause, but it has almost always been present.

Nowadays adultery is quite fashionable, and it is thought priggish to speak ill of such a national instituoon, trideed, it has almost become a human right, to be defended by all politically correct people. Yet there is no doubt that adultery causes alienation in marriage, and lowers its resistance to the natural shocks through which, at one time or another, every marriage has to pass. In marriage, people suffer sickness, irritability and depression; they have worries about money; they worry about their children, sometimes linle worries about exams and sometimes big worries about drugs or health; they quarrel over trivial things; they grow old; they are separated by business; they have to care for elderly parents, who may even be demented:

they are kept awake at nights by teething babies. All these things have to be overcome. Adultery weakens the bond which allows marriage to survive these natural difficulties; it is the matrimoniai equivalent

of an attack on the immune system, and opens the way to many other diseases.

y own observation has been that human beings fall into three groups, so far as adultery is concerned. There are those for whom it is irresistible - I even knew a man who took both his new wife and his old mistress on his honeymoon: he subsequently married the mistress, and could not be faithful to her either. There are those, at the other extreme, who are naturally strongly monogamous, for whom the idea of adultery is instinctively repellent. I remember another acquaintance who said: "t no more wish to sleep with another man's wife, than t wish to clean my teeth with his toothbrush." This attitude may be commoner among women than men, but it is not unusual in either sex. Even nowadays, women often have a deeper commitment to the stability of marriage than their husbands. because the maternal bond to child-

ren is so strong. The larger number probably lies in the middle: for most people adultery may be an occasional temptation, but not normally an irresisoble one. If they are exposed to particular circumstances, such as the separations

and opportunities of wartime, they are rather likely to be unfaithful. If are rather likely to be unfaithful. If they live in a stable, monogamous culture, they are rather likely to remain faithful. The strength of the temptation will not override their desire to be faithful, if they have formed a conscientious belief that fidelity is an absolute condition of marriage. If there is no such belief, temptation has its chance. The culture in which they have been brought un is very important to the decision.

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The late-20th-century view is that sexual pleasure bas an almost pre-eminent value; it is often put higher than the more sober values of fidelity, duty, reliability, the welfare of children and so on. This has historically been a common pattern in rich and leisured societies, and relative to previous contriles modern Detain L vious centuries, modern Britain is

rich and leisured on a mass scale.
The birth control Pill, despite present doubts, has liberated many women from the restraints of potential pregnancies. There is also the post-Freudian ideology, reinforced by the commercial exploitation of sex. which has made adultery seem more attractive, or even necessary to psychological health. These are the facts. welcome or unwelcome, and they cannot be wished away. We live in an age more exposed than previous ones to the allurements of adultery, and therefore more people are adulterers; these people were bound to include

members of the Royal Family. The prouble is that adultery is a powerful social solvent. It tends to wash away the cement of marriage; those who depend on the stability of marriage, particularly children, suffer great damage as a result. In the case of the Royal Family, it does further harm. It undermines royal marriages as much as other marriages, but it is predicated upon the Duke of Windsor's principle that love is more important than duty. That may be an arguable proposition in philosophy, but it is fatal to the idea of monarchy. Adultery therefore tends to wash away the trust that the public gives to members of the Royal Family, as well as the trust they have for each other in their marriages.

The stern doctrine must be that the stability of the monarchy rests on a culture of tough-minded stoicism, of putting duty first. In marriage, duty includes faithfulness. The monarchy is by nature a demanding institution but then so is matrimony. Both repay the demands they make with great and extraordinary benefits.

Gay pride before a fall

Magnus Linklater

on the homosexual who stands apart

here has been a marked lack of sympathy in Washington for Andrew Sullivan, the British editor of New Republic who announced simultaneously that he was resigning from the magazine and that he was infected with the HIV virus. Instead of compassion for his condition and respect for the openness with which he revealed it Sullivan's departure has been greated with an uncharacteristic display of Schadenfreude. His literary editor said he felt "unburdened"; others claimed that Sullivan was using the news of his infection to cloak the fact that he had been fired — a charge he angrily denies.

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angrily denies.

From what is probably the world capital of political correctness, these comments were surprisingly ungenerous. This may be because Sullivan had a tyrannical style of editing which alienated his own staff; it may have been the smouldering resentment of American journalists, who reckon there are far too many Brits editing their magazines. But it may also have stemmed from Sullivan's brand of assertive homosexuality. He wrote regularly about this, sometimes movingly, sometimes aggrestimes movingly, sometimes aggressively, and he was no stranger to

personal publicity.

Last year, in his book Virtually Normal, he took the argument a step further, in a way which seemed to fly in the face of his title. Homosexuals, he said, were not just another section of society. "The truth is," he wrote,
"hornosexuals are not entirely normal; to flatten their varied and
complicated lives into a single moralistic model is to miss what is essential and exhilarating about their otherness." He admitted that his homosexuality had led him gradually to lose contact with his straight or married friends, and that he had become absorbed in the gay community.

hat difference had been exacer-bated by Aids. It was the homosexual's familiarity with death that ultimately set him apart.
"Homosexuals in contemporary
America tend to die young," he wrote. "They die surrounded by young death and by the arch symbols of cultural otherness." At the time he was writing this, he was aware that he himself was HIV-positive, though he did not recention it in the book. A routine test, taken three years ago, showed he had detected the infection m its early stage, and he has now embarked on a full course of available drugs, taking about 20 pills a day. Although he was adamant this week that Aids is "a survivable illness", and that he is "allergic to the past tense", he has seen six friends die from the syndrome in the past year alone. "Aids has intensified a differ-ence that I think is inherent between homosexual and heterosexual adults," he says.

This makes uncomfortable read-ing. The conventional liberal view is that homosexuality is merely a variation on the sexual scale, that for a man to be gay is as acceptable as it is for him to be straight, and that in a civilised society he should encounter no more prejudice than his heterosexual counterpart. Sullivan challenges that view, and comes across as some-thing of a sexual fundamentalist, which may not be all that surprising, considering his religious views. When Martin Peretz, proprietor of New Republic, introduced Sullivan as editor, he announced that he was "Catholic, working-class. British, Tory and gay" -- in that order.

atholicism approaches homosexuality from a different, but no less rigid standpoint. It is the present Pope's strongly held opinion that it is "a disorder". That was echoed only last week by Scotland's leading Roman Catholic, Cardinal Tom Winning, who said that although a man's sexual orienta-rion might be created by God, so were other handicaps, "like a wooden leg".

This caused great offence among homosexuals, not just because of the crudeness of the analogy, but because it appeared to allow no tolerance, no variation in a man's sexual make-up. Some homosexuals, like many heterosexuals, are far less clear-cut about their feelings than Cardinal Winning appears to allow. They can and do change. They may, like Sullivan, want to assert their own sexuality and challenge social convention from the other side of the barricade. But they may, on the other hand, want to be accepted and absorbed without feeling the need to fight a running battle.

in some ways the Vatican view is easy to understand. Offensive or not, there is no doubting what it means. Sullivan, on the other hand, is the editor of a magazine which is the flagship of intellectual liberalism. He has campaigned for the homosexual cause, and has written passionately about its present state. And yet, by placing it outside the bounds of normal society, by emphasising the differences between the state of the differences between the state of differences between it and what the rest of us consider normal, he is erecting barriers rather than demolishing them, encouraging prejudice against the gay community rather than reducing it.

It is a difficult and complex view to promote. Perhaps in the end both editor and proprietor felt that New Republic was the wrong place in

Aitken heart

IN A reconciliation worthy of a handshake on the White House lawn. Jonathan Aitken and the Thatchers are back on terms. At the launch of Carol Thatcher's biography of her father, Sir Denis. on Tuesday. Aitken and the Thatcher ensemble were like peas in a pod.

Almost two decades ago. Aitken. MP for Thanet South, and Miss Thatcher were the glamour couple

was said to be devastated, and her mother is said to have laid the blame squarely at Aitken's door. His notable absence from her Governments was often put down to this ill-starred affair.

It was not unol Aitken's 18th year in Parliament that John Major finally found a ministerial post for him at the Ministry of Defence. As recently as last autumn, when a party was of Conservative circles. Then the held at No 10 for Baroness Thatrelationship ended. Miss Thatcher cher's 70th birthday. Aitken was



Jonathan and Carol, back in harmony

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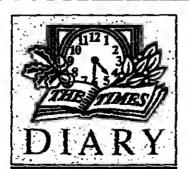
Now the freeze is over. At the book launch, held in the East India Club in St James's, Aitken was busy chatting away to Miss Thatcher and her youthful skiinstructor boyfriend. It even emerged that he had helped by reading proofs of the book. What is more, Aitken has been

entertaining the Thatchers at his home. I had Margaret and Denis down for lunch just the other day." he said. "Denis liked it because I'm right on the edge of the Royal St. George's course at Sandwich. He always likes a round."

But Sir Denis has been forced by arthritis to give up the game he loves. He explained: "I restricted myself to playing the 19th hole."

Sheen the light

AS CONVERSIONS to Christianity go. Charlie Sheen's ranks with the Damascene. The American actor and a one-time favourite client of the Hollywood madam Heidi Fleiss, recently abandoned his wife of six months, the model Donna Peele. Now, this wildest of the young Hollywood set claims to have found God and been "saved". Describing his new-found faith to an American magazine. Sheen



says: "It's so far beyond me . . . it's so much more powerful than anything I can control that I have to surrender."

Top tips

THE publication of President Clinton's latest bedtime reading list casts some light on his burgeoning foreign policy interest. His Irish republican sympathies may have been bolstered by Thomas Cahili's book How the Irish Saved

Civilization. The President's chats with the new Israeli Prime Minister were probably helped by a skim through Shimon Peres's regional analysis. The New Middle East. Last year's American flurry in the former Yugoslavia was doubtless helped along by a perusal of the only British writer to make it onto the presidendal reading list, Noel Malcolm with his Bosnia: A Short History.

 Mory Whitehouse, turn away. Showing at the National Film Theatre, virtually uncut for the first time, is Salo or the 120 Days of Sodom, the last and most famously disgusting film of the debauched Italian director Pier Paolo Pasolini. A quite foully sadistic vision of Mussolini's republic, the film has been described even by its fons as very difficult to sit through. "The NFT audience is film-literate and will see it in its context," says the theatre. "You'd be bored if you were only looking for titillation."

Hot heads

AS John Major flies off to Prague. Moscow and Kiev. we can only hope he has learnt from the fashion errors of previous trips. As my picture shows, the Prime Minister and his then Foreign Secretary, Douglas Hurd, simply don't look happy in Russian headgear. Peasant extras from Battleship Potem-

kin perhaps - but statesmen. no. At least on this trip the PM can rely on style tips from Roy Reeve, our Ambassador to Ukraine. Until his latest posting, the bearded Reeve preferred a Harley. Davidson to his official car. His search for a Ukrainian bike suit-

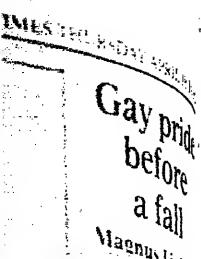


A fur cry from style

able for the icy roads, however, has so far proved fruitless.

● The Friends of Kenwood House and English Heritage are not altogether happy with one another. The problem? A carpet. English Heritage says that it cannot afford to pay a full-time curator at Kenwood House because it is facing a cut in its grant, yet it has spent £10,000 on an unspectacular modern carpet from John Lewis for just one room, measuring roughly 18ft by 12ft. "That's half a year's salary for a curator." says one furious Friend. "It shows their ineptitude."

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TENSE TIMES

Two parties wait for each other's mistakes

The Conservative Party chairman loses his save them for the general election manifesto. temper in public the Labour Party leadership is on the edge of its sofa every time that Clare Short opens her mouth; would-be Tory defectors tease ministers and journalists alike; an MP's medical record is suddenly more important than any record he or she has ever had in politics.

Normally no one would make too much of Brian Mawhinney's Today programme outburst yesterday. But the Tory chairman's response to a relatively mild inquiry summs up the current atmosphere in politics as clearly as the response from Tony Blair's office when Ms Short mentioned her willingness to pay more tax. These are tense times - and likely to get tenser.

If Mr Mawhinney's nerves are highly strung, in Tory ranks he is not alone. With hindsight, the Staffordshire South East byelection result looks even worse than it did at the time. Labour leaders still cannot believe how well they did and, as Conservative MPs returned to Parliament, they found an Opposition more than usually buoyed up by the victory. This was a by-election whose result was supposed to presage the long-awaited upturn for the Tories. Instead it has plunged them into deeper gloom.

With the two main parties local election campaigns being launched yesterday, it is hard for Dr Mawhinney lo know what strategy to adopt. If economic recovery is not enough to warm voters' hearts, what is? The Prime Minister is due to deliver his own party political broadcast tonight. It is said that he did not much like the script he was given and will address instead the themes of inflation and public services.

Labour must be delighted: the Conservatives are hardly going to win the next election on standards of teaching and their handling of the NHS. The Tories seem almost to have given up on the local election battle. They know that they will lose hundreds of seats. They have no new vote-winning ideas that the Cabinet would unitedly accept. If they did, they would rationally

European policy remains a curse for the Government. Its evasiveness on this issue makes it seem evasive on others too, despite the increasing clarity from Michael Howard on law and order and Peter Lilley on welfare reforms. John Major ought to gain personal credit for his power in imposing a referen-

dum against the wishes of the two most

senior members of his cabinet. But, by his

own lights, he can go no further - and his

are the lights that the government follows. Some Euro-sceptics fantasise in private about holding an early election on the issue of repatriaong powers from Europe, saying hang to the resignations and defections that would ensue, and ensuring that at least they have an issue on which to fight Labour. Better, they say, to go down gloriously than to limp along to certain and even more painful defeat next year: but moods like that are just another sign of the present times. Mr Major, clutching his tiny majority, still prefers to hold on for as long as possible and hope that economic growth, tax cuts, maturing Tessas, and building society payouts will save his seats. As we said at the

best hope for the Tories under Mr Major. Labour strategists hope, by contrast, that time will not necessarily help the Tories. The longer they are considered a government-inwaiting, they claim, the easier it will be for voters to contemplate a switch of government. Moreover, if voters are simply bored of the Conservatives and want a change, this will be even more the case in a year's time.

beginning of the year, this remains the slim

Each party knows that it could lose the next election by making a terrible mistake. Tony Blair knows well that the Tories are bovering to pounce on any signs of indiscipline from his MPs. Meanwhile the Government aims simply to get through the summer by hoping that the Ulster Unionists stay on side and the Grim Reaper stays away. Such a policy is frustrating for natural pugilists on both sides. Prepare for more early morning outbursts.

ITALIAN RADICALS

The voters of Italy should put their political revolution first

As they prepare to vote this Sunday in Italy's third general election in four years, Silvio Berlusconi is courting voters with the promise that victory for the centre-right Freedom Alliance would produce five years of stable government. It is a pledge that even the most sceptical must long to believe.

Most European elections can in some way be considered as the collective verdict on a government's record and on the claims of its opponents that they would govern better. Most clear the political air. In Italy, by contrast, the best that voters can hope for is that the next government will finally have the will and the muscle to enact the constitutional reforms needed to give them a clear choice between real parties next time.

Political reform outweighs in importance all other issues in this campaign, and for the good reason that without it, the modernisarion and cleansing of Italian public life cannot proceed. The current electoral system, a hybrid of first-past-the-post and proportional representation, is a recipe for shifting, and shifty, coalitions lacking any tradition of party discipline. Since Italy's last general election two years ago, the country has lived through an undemocratic political farce in which the voters' verdict counted for nothing. The centre-right coalition won, only to collapse a few months later - leaving the field to a non-elected "technocratic" administration kept alive by the Centre-Left, the losers in the 1994 election. The role of loyal opposition, which has been increasingly assumed by the judiciary, needs to be returned to the political arena. That will happen only with genuinely bipolar politics.

Clarity is even less on offer this Sunday than it was in 1994. The identities of the two main alliances are more blurred than they were then. In many respects, their platforms

are hard to tell apart - which is hardly surprising since, incredibly, both of them appear to have drawn heavily on a paper drawn up by the national shopkeepers' federation. Neither coalition can even present voters with an undisputed leader whom they can expect to be the next prime minister.

If Signor Berlusconi, the formal candidate of the Centre-Right, takes office, his legal problems could bring an abrupt end to his tenure. Gianfranco Fini, the talented young leader of the post-Fascist National Alliance. looks more and more like the coming man of Italian politics but, because of his party's historical links, is ruled out as prime minister by everyone, including himself. The Centre-Left is in little better shape. Its official candidate is Romano Prodi, a genial Roman Catholic economist with no real party base. Its real leader, Massimo d'Alema, has also ruled himself out because, as a former communist, he too has associations to live down.

The race is thought to be so close that a few thousand votes for some 40 seats in northern Italy could decide the outcome. Without a clear result, Italy will revert to the politics of the revolving door. The Centre-Right is pledged to end proportional representation and introduce a semi-presidential system, with a directly elected prime minister to provide the strong leadership needed to control interparty bickering. The Left protests that Italy has historical reasons to distrust strong leaders; but the real source of its caution is that these reforms would destroy the many tiny parties that make up its support. Such parties make for parliaments controlled by king-makers with no real popular mandate. Italy's second republic cannot take shape without constitutional radicalism: in this respect, the Fini-Berlusconi platform is clearly the better alternative.

ON WITH THE DANCE

We never, never, never shall be outstepped in the cha-cha-cha

Frequent protests have made the BBC see the revolving lights and commission a new series of Come Dancing. The protests have battered not just Broadcasting House. And they came not only from the millions of recreational and competitive dancers in Britain, but from virtual waltzers who take care never to step nearer to the ballroom floor than television armchairs. So the BBC has bent to give viewers what they ask for.

Its earlier decision to end the oldest series on television was prompted by broadcasters' correctness. Some of the outmoded courting rituals of the dancers appear irrelevant to stern modernists. The ambitious mother stitching sequins on her daughter's ballgown has become a stock figure of fun. For the Latin American programme, however, new viewers may like to note that frocks are now risque with the times and have slits up the side to where the lipstick starts. But for suicksteps, frou-frou frocks and smiles ainted an inch thick for the judges are still fashionable. So in its 47 years Come Duncing has become national institution as much as national joke. It is now as nostalgically British as cold fish and chips, warm

beer and inaccurate weather forecasts. The audience for the programme has slumped since its glory days when television was fresh. But it still attracts nearly three

now, and the BBC screens it at a time when most competitive dancers have tucked their feet away for the night. But it was crass to consider switching off the oldest performing art just when dancing is becoming the one truly international recreation. For the old trick of getting your feet out of the way faster than your partner can tread on them is being considered as an Olympic event. Indeed it is as athletic as (and less wet than) synchronised swimming. The Chief of Air Staff has "strongly advised" RAF officer cadets to take it up. Ballroom combines elegance and romance with nimbleness, and allows performers to dress up as Fred Astaire or Ginger Rogers to strut their fantasies, swaying together like blossoms on the bough.

Ballroom is also perhaps the only sport at which Britain still beats the world. Our cricketers are a bad joke, our best footballers are foreigners, and our rugby players have become better at scoring fees than tries. But al ballroom Britain is still world champion. Three of the four international titles are held by British couples. This is a healthy activity without evident professional fouls. So when the formation dancers make their salutes in the military two-step they are saluting part of our national heritage. The BBC should be proud to broadcast such a British success.

million viewers. There is more competition

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Sir Anthony Parsons and others From Professor Paul Wilkinson

punishment.

competitive diplomacy.

There is no question but that Israel.

which has maintained a self-declared

"security zone" in southern Lebanon

since 1978, is there in contravention of

international law. If that occupation

were to end, there would no longer be

any justification for the firing of rock-

ets by Hezbollah into Israel.

(UK Permaneni Representative to the UN, 1979-82).

(Ambassador to Jordan, 1972-75),

(Ambassador to Syria, 1982-84),

[Ambassador to Egypt, 1979-85].

From Mr Lindsay Shanson

Sir. Michael Portillo's strong support

for tsrael's military action (report,

April 16) is to be admired. For once a

senior politician has, in his official ca-

pacity, been straightforward, Sadly, other so-called Western leaders hesi-

tate, apparently nervously, fearful of

Their fears are misplaced. The West

must face the real issues squarely.

Hezboliah and Hamas are financed

by Iran, not just to disrupt the peace

process but to destabilise Western so-

The issues go far beyond Israel's

narrow borders and must be dealt

with as a global concern. This re-

guires positive action. Fundamental-

ism and terrorism are feared as much

by Islamic governments, such as Egypt, Malaysia and Indonesia, as by

the West. Yet none has seemed willing

127 Alderman's Hill. Southgate, N13.

to deal with the matter.

Yours faithfully,

April 16.

As from: Highgrove, Ashburton, South Devon.

GLENCAIRN BALFOUR-PAUL

(Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, 1979-84).

Yours truly.
ANTHONY PARSONS

JAMES CRAJG

IVOR LUCAS

the Arab lobby.

ciety in general.

April 17.

MICHAEL WEIR

Monarchy pattern Israeli attack as a global concern

From the Dean of St Paul's Sir. Your preview (Diary. April 13) of the MORI poll's reflection on the future of the monarchy (and see TV re-view, April 16) will I am sure have fill-

for our respect

ed many of your readers with dismay. The issue is not that members of the Royal Family are not without fauh. In each generation some member will have erred and strayed and one could take the line right back to Edward the Confessor to realise the truth of this.

However, the institution of the mon-archy, like that of any corporate body. if it is to work properly, demands res-pect. This is a commodity that is getong increasingly rare in today's Britain. In fact it seems to be a general malaise affecting the Western world.

Without respect within a family. parents for children and children for parents, there can be no true love. It is love that binds a family together and love does demand respect. Love goes hand in hand with respect. If you have no respect for the person, basically you have no love for them.

It affects not only families but all our institutions, particularly the Church, Parliament, the judiciary, leaders in civil and local government. the teaching professions, the medical profession, the police, the Armed Services. In fact all who carry responsibilities for the lives of other people require respect.

We deck our mayors and corporations in gowns; we put our senior offi-cials of all professions in some kind of uniform. Anyone who has wom a professional uniform of one sort of another knows full well how the wearing of that uniform can be an aid in helping that person to become what the office intends them to be.

Many a tearaway youth has be-come an upstanding citizen because he has worn the Queen's uniform at some time or other. Many a civic head, from most unpromising beginnings has turned out to be an excellent

A subtle psychological change takes place in a person who holds high office. If the public's expectation of an official person's behaviour is high, then so often people become what they are meant to be. Low expectations always result in poor results. The higher the expectation, the greater the chance of perfection.

Her Majesty the Queen has, thank God, set us all the highest possible standards of service and behaviour and I am convinced that others will follow in her train. The British monarchy has a record of resilience which is second to none. It is the oldest continuthe world, apart from the papacy.

It does demand respect. Without that it can wither and become a mere shadow of what it was intended to be. It is in this regard that the media and the pollsters have a responsibility which is far greater than that of mere financial interest.

Yours faithfully. **ERIC EVANS** The Deanery. 9 Amen Court, EC4. April 17.

Labour and London

From the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, Corporation of London

Sir, Your report (April 11) concerning Guildhall potentially being used by Labour's proposed Greater London Authority (GLA) arises out of the inconvenient reality of County Hall being unavailable for their purposes.

Old Labour would simply have abolished the Corporation of London. New Labour sees the value of having a dedicated local authority for Britain's most successful business district, particularly given the London-wide initiatives which have brought the corporation closer to neighbouring

boroughs in recent years. Our willingness to share Guildhall and assist with finding suitable nearby office accommodation will depend on a realistic assessment of how the relationship between the corporation and any GLA might sensibly operate.

It is also too early to judge whether any particular problems would arise were any GLA to be headed by an elected mayor, since there are many unanswered questions as to their powers and how in particular the role would relate to that of our Lord Mayor as head of the corporation.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL CASSIDY, Chairman, Policy and Resources Committee. Corporation of London. PO Box 270, Guildhall, EC2. April 12.

Storm at Balaclava

From Colonel A. L. Mallinson, The Light Dragoons

Sir. Your correspondent Thomas de Waal ("Crimean site yields British graves' ", report, April 10) imputes the loss of British shipping in the great storm of November 14, 1854, off the port of Balaclava, to "the disaster of the battle of October 25, 1854, famous for the Charge of the Light Brigade" This is unfair. Despite the Light Brigade's losses, the battle was no disaster: the Russian sally from the huge fortress of Sebastopol was stopped in its tracks and Balaclava port was saved from capture.

Your correspondent makes no men-

tion, either, of the second and stronger sortie from Sebastopol on November 5, which was decisively repulsed by the Battle of inkerman. Thereafter Balaclava was as safe as any port could be so near to an enemy garrison. The problem was that its anchorage was too small and its wharves inadequate, hence the queue of ships caught in the storm outside.

The stores and forage which sank

Sports letters, page 44

Business letters, page 29

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Sir. It is shaming that Western governments have failed to condemn Is-Sir. While we have the utmost sympathy for the beleaguered inhabitants of rael's bombardment of civilian targets Kiryat Shmona, we are strongly of the in Lebanon. Israel's anger at Hezbolopinion that the Israeli response to Hezbollah attacks has been entirely lah's indiscriminate rocket attacks disproportionale. To force 400,000 Lebanese civilians to flee in terror across her northern border is entirely understandable, but it is the Syrian from their homes is both a brutal and Government, not powerless and longan unacceptable form of collective suffering Lebanon, which is responsible for facilitating and encouraging Hezbollah's activities. The violence must be stopped before

Lebanon lapses into anarchy. The US How can tsrael, which prides itself has blocked United Nations intervenon being a democracy respecting the rule of law, justify a policy of terror against the Lebanese civilian populanon and is acting bilaterally with the parties. So is France. This latter initiative would be better conducted by the non in response? EU as a whole. This is no time for

Deliberate attacks on such targets as an ambulance and a refugee camp are serious violations of the Geneva Convention. The French Government deserves the widest possible international support for its efforts to stop the lighting.

Terrorism is a scourge of the innocent, but a wider war which could fatally damage the Irail Middle East peace process and cause a far greater slaughter of the innocent would be an infinitely larger evil.

Yours sincerely, PAUL WILKINSON (Head), School of History and international Relations. University of St Andrews, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9AL. April 17.

From Dr R. T. Flowe Sir. I was astonished by the statement

in your leading article (April 15) on the Israeli-Lebanese conflict that "the underlying morality" of the exercise "cannot be open to question". When an ambulance is bombed in the sub-urbs and a power station destroyed (report, April 15) how can this be explained as a defensive act? Perhaps, however, if I use your

words and change the actors, we can arrive at a strategy for Northern Ire-land. Britain "must defend itself against ... religious terrorists, and [Mr Major] is duty bound to ensure the safety of people in his charge".

Britain's appropriate response to an IRA bomb in London would therefore seem to be a gunship attack on a Falls Road office of Sinn Fein and on the local power station, followed by the flouting of an earlier United Nations resolution to withdraw. Mr Major, like Mr Peres, would simply be upholding the "peace process".

This agreement requires rigorous.

timetabled action to achieve equal op-

portunity. We have reserved the right

to issue a non-discrimination nooce if

the Ministry of Defence and the Arm-

ed Forces don't make the progress

outlined in the agreement, but we

and oral evidence to the Select Com-

mittee on the Armed Forces Bill. We

are arguing, as Paul Stephenson ur-

ges, that servicemen and women

should be able to take complaints of

racial discrimination direct to indus-

trial tribunals without the legal re-

quirement first to use their internal

system for redress, a requirement

which the Government has rejected

for other employees, including the

police and civilians working with the

A number of white and ethnic-mi-

nority soldiers and ex-soldiers have

contacted the commission in recent

weeks to support the action we are

Commission for Racial Equality,

indeed sea and air cadets) from the

t0-12 Allington Street, SW1.

We have already submitted written

hope this won't be necessary.

Yours sincerely, RONALD T. FLOWE, Edinburgh I. April 15.

Army race relations

From the Chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality

Sir, Paul Stephenson (letter, April 10) is wrong to suppose that the Commission for Racial Equality's agreement with the Ministry of Defence about discrimination in the Army (report, March 291 is chiefly only about monitoring. The action plan which the MoD has signed up to as a result of the commission's investigation also covers:

A review of selection procedures at officer and basic levels to ensure they don't discriminate on racial grounds. Instructions and training on equal oppor-tunities for all senior officers, NCOs and others, especially those concerned with re-

More and better efforts to attract ethnic minority applicants. Advice to serving personnel on their night to complain of racial discrimination and harassment.

Instructions to commanding officers on the andling of complaints.

The action plan does cover monitoring, such as the ethnic origin of all ranks, recruitment and grievances. Such information helps to identify where things are going wrong and to demonstrate progress when they start to improve.

Cadets under pressure

From Major-General D. M. Naylor (retd)

Sir, I read with sadness and disquiet your report (April tl) about the harassment which has obliged the Army Cadet Force (ACF) in Nottinghamshire to abandon its premises. As the Ministry of Defence director responsible for the ACF and its sister cadet service, the Combined Cadet Force, between 1989 and 1992, I know precisely how much young people who participate in both organisations benefit. If we cannot safeguard them (and

worst ravages of a modern yob culture, we shall soon find that there will be no volunteers to lead or serve in these commendable organisations. As a result another bastion of decency and service will be lost.

Armed Forces.

Yours faithfully

Chairman,

Elliot House.

April tt.

HERMAN OUSELEY.

Let us hope that all those involved in working with the youth of this country, in uniform or not, will ponder the potential fate of the Nottinghamshire ACF and determine to stop the rot before it is too late.

Yours sincerely, MURRAY NAYLOR. Minster Hill, Huttons Ambo, York,

with the transports were sorely missed that winter. Forty thousand greatcoats went down with the screwsteamer Prince and during the rest of November the Light Brigade's horses received on average about one fifth of their regulated rations.

Evidently things might have been worse, however. Writing to his wife two months later. Serjeant-Major Cruse of the Royals gave his opinion that: "I do not think the weather has been much more severe than it was in Manchester last January."

Yours faithfully, ALLAN MALLINSON, The Cavalry and Guards Club, 127 Piccadilly, WI. April 10.

Working hard and matters of class

From Mr Peter Mahaffey

Sir. The extraordinary statements by the Prescotts, senior and junior, about their class status (repon. April 13) confirm to me what I have always thought but no one dares to articulate publicly, that it is the snobbery of a certain section of the "working class" which is responsible for the class divi-

sions of this country.

For a long time it has been rare to hear the middle classes boast about their role or status. Rather it is the likes of Mr Prescott Senior, who decries his son's honesty in admitting for once his quite evident middle-class sit-

uation, that is divisive. t am a surgeon, no doubt most people's epitome of middle-classness, t work my backside off daily on behalf of my NHS patients, and t object strongly to suggestions from representatives of old Labour that a railwayman, a mmer or a ship's steward is any more entitled by the sweat of his brow to be elevated to the status of worker than I am by mme. The quicker Mr Blair eradicates these ideas the

Yours faithfully, PETER MAHAFFEY. Lister Hospital, Coreys Mill Lane, Stevenage, Hertfordshire.

From Mr Iain A. T. Donald

Sir. My great-grandfather was a ship's cook: t work regularly in my profession 50 hours a week. Does this make me eligible to join the working

Yours faithfully, IAIN A. T. DONALD (solicitor), Inglewood, 31 Strathkinness High Road, St Andrews, Fife.

From Mr Francis Wilford-Smith

Sir. Mr Prescott may well think he is now middle class. More to the point though, does the middle class think he is middle class?

Yours faithfully, FRANCIS WILFORD-SMITH, Bentleys Farm, Bosbury, Ledbury, Herefordshire, April 15.

Mary less contrary?

From Mr John Thaxter

Sir, Benedict Nightingale (Arts. March 23) and the correspondents (April 13) who endorsed his repon that Isabelle Huppert cannot be understood as Mary Stuart apparently saw early performances of the National Theatre production.

On April 9, two weeks into the run. this delightful French star was giving a spirited, treasurable account of the text with every word readily understood, but perhaps without the necessary projection. f was captivated and enthralled.

Clearly the voice coach has already affected much of the improvement promised by Richard Eyre, the Royal National Theatre's artistic director.

Yours faithfully. JOHN THAXTER, 15a Stanley Road, Teddington, Middlesex. April L3.

First blood

From Mr Philip J. Wadsworth

Sir, Mr Martin Carter's letter (April 15) could well be evidence of an injured cuckoo - but t would think not a record. More likely a compacted

Yours faithfully. PHILIP J. WADSWORTH, Marine House. St Andrew's Square, Colyton, East Devon. April 16.

Watch this space

From Mr D. J. Skinner

Sir, I offer my congratulations on your enormous increase in domestic circulation. However, in the light of Mr M. Gordon's letter (April 16) I had not realised just how ambitious your plans were until finding a computer simulation of the universe under "Home News" in your April 11 issue.

Yours faithfully, D. J. SKINNER. 16 Whitefield Close, Coventry, West Midlands. April 16.

Man of the moment

From Mr Gerard Noel

Sir, Your excellent obituary of Donald Adams (April 16) reminded me of a story he told me of his train breaking down while he was on his way to perform in a matinee of The Mikado.

Becoming irritated by the loud complaints of some children next door that they would never get to see The Mikado, he hurled open the door of their compartment and boomed in his great bass voice: "Don't worry children, I am the Mikado!"

Yours truly, **GERARD NOEL** White's, St James's, SW1.

Forthcoming

marriages

and Miss L. Dunne

The engagement is announced between Joshua, second son of Mrs

Suzy Millais, of Cadogan Man-

sions, London, and Mr Hugh Millais, of The Stables, Kirtlington Park, Oxfordshire, and Letitia,

second daughter of Sir Thomas and Lady Dunne, of Gatley Park, Herefordshire

Mr MJ.F. Ridgwell and Miss MJ.C. Wennergren

The engagement is announced between Matthew, elder son of Dr and Mrs Stanley Ridgwell, of Fulham, London, and Malin, only

daughter of Mr and Mrs Goran

Wennergren, of Angelholm,

and Miss A.L. Georgalakis
The engagement is announced
between Peter, only son of Mr
Henry Stephen Ross, of Herham,
Northumberland, and Mrs
Marjorie Irving, of Wallsend, Tyne
and Wear, and Alexia Louise,
eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs
Constantine D. Georgalakis, of
Dirchling Common, West Sussex.
The marriage will take place in
October at the Church of the Holy.
Trinity, Cuckfield, West Sussex.

Trinity, Cuckfield, West Sussex.

between Guy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Brian Thornton, of Ayl-burton, Gloucestersbire, and

Samantha, eldest daughter of Captain Fred Barker, of Lushill,

Wiltshire, and Viscountess Wimborne, of Fontaine L'Abbe,

The marriage took place quietly on April 17, at Stratford-upon-Avon.

of Ned Chaillet, son of Mr E. Chaillet and Mrs J. Chaillet, and

Fiona McLean, daughter of Com-mander R. and Mrs M. McLean.

The marriage took place quietly, in

The marriage took place in Chel-sea, on April 17, between Nicholas

Green, of Battersea, London, and Annie Eadie, nee Bruce, of Weston Colley, Hampshire.

London, recently of Daubney to Jenny Dawes.

Mr G.D. Thornson and Miss S.N.D. Barker

Marriages

Mr E.W. Chaillet

Mr B. Daubney and Ms J. Dawes

Mr N.C.S. Green

and Mrs A. Eadie

School news

Mr P. Ross and Miss A.L. Georgalakis

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Mr A.E. Beattie

of Pinckney, USA.

Mr J.C.H. Berry

and Miss J.A. Mitchell

The engagement is announced

between Rupert, son of Mr and

Mrs 5.J. Aniee, of Ampfield, Hampshire, and Julie, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.G. Ahern, of Virginia Water, Surrey.

and Miss J.A. Mitchell
The engagement is announced between Andrew Edward, only son of Mr David K-M. and Dame Heather Beattle, of Lymm, Cheshire, and Julie, daughter of Mrs Elisabeth Cowl, of Mobberley, Cheshire, and Mr Ivor J. Mitchell, of Pinchese VICA

Mr J.C.H. Berry and Miss A.J. Robbins
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mrs Robert Murdoch, of Wester Hill, Linton, Kent, and the late Mr John Berry, and Ashley Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Robbins, of Bethesda, Maryland, USA.
Mr B.A. Bullimore
and Miss C.P. Dillingham

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The engagement is announced
between Brett, elder son of Mr and
Mrs Timothy K. Bullimore, of Kew
Gardens, Surrey, and Charlotte,
younger daughter of Mr and Mrs
Malcolm Dillingham, of Henley-

The engagement is announced between lan, son of Mr and Mrs Roy Cain, of Eastcombe,

Gloucestershire, and Hannah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Swash, of Far Oakridge.

Dr S.C. Dewan
and Miss R.C. Posinelli
The engagement is announced
between Suresh, only son of the

late Dr R.C. Dewan and of Mrs Dewan, of New Delhi, and

Rosemary, daughter of the late Lieuteoaot Colonel Lennox Pusinelli and of Mrs Pusinelli, of

Thornton Dale, North Yorkshire,

The engagement is announced between Graeme, younger son of Dr and Mrs G.B. Peacock. of

Highleigh. Chichester, and Alex, second daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Ward. of Porthcawl, Mid

and Mrs S.A.H. Perkins. The engagement is announced between Ewan Scott and Shirley

Perkins, both of Rugby, Warwickshire.

The Summer Term begins at Dover today. Simon Rastrick

Mr G.B. Peacock and Miss A.L. Ward

Glamorgan.

Mr J.E. Scott

Dover College

on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

Mr I.R. Cain and Miss H.R.J. Swash

Gloucestershire.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE April 17: The Duke of Edinburgh this morning opened the Southampton Oceanography Centre, Empress Docks, Southampton, and was re-ceived by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire (Mrs Mary

Fagan).
His Royal Highness. Colonel-in-Chief, later visited 3 Field Workshop. Corps of Royal Electrical and

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Lieutenant-Colonel the Lord Charteris of Amisfield (Permanent Lord in Waiting) at the service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Mr Tereace Cunea which was held in St Martin-in-the-Fields this afternoon. The Duke of Kent was represented by Mr Nicolas Adamson

BUCKINGHAM PALACE April 17: The Prince Edward, Trustee and Chairman of the International Council. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this morning travelled to Nara and visited the Todaiji Temple and the Kasuga Taisha Shrine belore attenda Luncheon in support of the Award at Kikusuiro Restaurant.

His Royal Highness this afternoon travelled to Kyoto and anended a Tea Ceremony at Urasenke, performed by the Fifteenth Grand Master of the

by the Fifteenth Grand Master of the Chado, Dr Sen.

The Prince Edward this evening attended a Reception and Dinner in support of the Award at the Kyoto

April 17: The Princess Royal, President, the Rural Housing Trust, this afternoon opened the Mary Cross Close. Highfield Road, Wiggington. and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire (Mr Simon Bowes Lyon).

Her Royal Highness, Patron Dunn Nutrition Unit, later attended a collaboration between the Medical Research Council and Schools on Diet Exercise and Long Term Health at Hills Road Sixth Form College. Hills Road. Cambridge, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire (Mr

James Crowdenl.

The Princess Royal, President.
British Olympic Association, this
evening anended the Cambridge
Olympic Appeal Dinner at Trinity
College, Cambridge. ST JAMESS PALACE

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April 17: The Prince of Wales today
visited Glasgow and was received by
Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenam of the
City of Glasgow (Mr Patrick Lally,
the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).
His Royal Highness, Visitor, this
morning visited the Glasgow School
of Art, Renfrew Street, and met
students and staff.
The Prince of Wales afterwards
visited the University of Strathclyde
and attended the University Day
Congregation in the Barony Hall.
His Royal Highness, Royal Visitor,
Scottish Conservation Projects, this

Scottish Conservation Projects, this afternoon visited the Craigion Cemetery, Candonald, and saw environmental work in progress.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE April 17: The Duke of Kent. Royal Fellow, this evening anended a Presidential Address and Celebration Dinner to mark the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Royal Academy of Engineering, Guitdhall, London

Royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as President of the Animal Health Trust, will attend the second wellare symposium at the Royal Society at 9.45; as Patron of the International Health Exchange, will attend the annual meeting at the Royal College of Nursing at 4.35; and will attend the HAC's annual dinner at Armoury. House at 7.30.

Princess Alexandra, as president, will visit the Imperial Cancer Research Fund cancer medicine research unit at St James's University Hospital. Leeds, at 2.20; and will attend a performance of Carmen at the Edin-burgh Festival Theatre at 7.05 The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of BLISS (Baby Life Support Systems) will visit the new offices at 17-21 Emerald Street, WCI, at 3.30; and as Pairon of the National Asthma Cam-paign, will arend a musical evening at Fishmongers' Hall at 7.00.

The Duke of Rettl, as Chairman of Trustees, the Duke of Edinburgh's Commonwealth Study Conference (United Kingdom Fund), will anend the annual meeting at Norwich Union House, EC3 at 9.55.

Reception

The Cricketer International
Mr and Mrs Ben Brocklehurst and
the Directors of The Cricketer International held a reception yesterday Ground, to mark the 75th anniversary year of the magazine. Among those present were:

MFAT B Brocklehurst, MF and Mrs RA Hullon, Mr E W Swanion, Str Collr

Stationers and Newspaper Makers

Brigadier Denzil G. Sharp has been appointed Clerk of the Startoners' and Newspaper Makers' Company from September, I. 1996. in succession to Captain Peter Harnes, RN.

Lord God of Hosts, restore us. and make your face shine on us. that we may be saved. Psalm 80: 19 (REB)

BANKER - On April 14th, to Sophie (née Thornkey) and Charles, a son. William

ARNES - On April 15th, a the Lindo Wing. to Carag and Jasper. a sost. Harry.

RUCE - On April 14th 1996, to Lisa undo Linder) and Neil. a son. William Stirting. ACKSON - On April 13th, to

Virginia (née Griffith) and Andrew, o daughter, Flora, a sister for Thomas, Emily and

Rachel (née Morion) and Matthew, a son, Samuel Alexander, o brother for

Bertander for Bertander for Bertander and Loseph.
LYON - On toth April at Aberdeen Maternity Hospital, to Annie (née Ree-Pedersen) and Richard, a son, Alexander Richard.

MACHIN - On t3th April 1996, to Candida (see Smith) and Robert, n son, Miles. ROYSTON - On 12th April at

The Portland Hospital, Id.
Miranda (née Sussian) and
Jarule. a handsome sdin.
Max. a grandson to Sandra
and Leslie Royaton.
Adrianne and Legnard

SHAW - On t4th April 1996, to Meirion (née Siot) and Tim. a son, Sam,

tut. a saut. Sara, Sept.H. On April 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Suzanae (née Saul-David) and Carry, a beautiful son. Otiver Jopathan.

ZARLAS - On April 11th 1996, at Queen Mary's Hospital, to Sara (née

BIRTHS

Banquet

Banquet

Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress gave the Easter banquet last night at the Mansion House in honour of Members of the Diplomatic Corps and their escorts. The speakers were the Lord Mayor, the Apostolic Nuncio and Mr Maldolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs. The other guests included:
The Lord President of the Council and Mrs Newton, Mrs Malcolm Rifkind, the Lord Chamberlain and the Countess of Airle, Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Sir Ralph Perring, Mrs Dorcen Hill, Sir Edward and Lady Howard, Air Commodore the Hôn Sir Peter and Lady Vanneck, the Right Rev John and Lady Sir Mayor Coles, General Sir Edward and Lady Looses, the Marshal of the Oplomatic Corps and the Hon Lady Weatheralt, the Vice-Marshal of the Oplomatic Corps and Mrs Figgls, Mr and Mrs Jerems Gotch, Mr Keith Mackrett and Miss June Mendoza, Mr and Mrs Crispin Blunt and Mr W G Ehrman.

Dinners The Royal Acadetov

of Engineering
The Duke of Kent. KG. GCMG.
GCVO. Royal Fellow of The Royal
Academy of Engineering, was
present last night of Guildhall at a
Presidential Address given by Sir
William Barlow, FEng. President.
A dinner to mark the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Academy

was held afterwards. A toast was proposed to The Academy by the Royal Fellow and Sir David Davies. Royal Fellow and Sir David Davies, CBE, FEng. FKS. President elect. replied. Among those present were: Lord and Lady Balfour of Burleign, Sir Robin and Lady Balfour of Burleign, Sir Robin and Lady Blegam. Lord and Lady Butterworth. Sir John Cadogan, Viscount Caldecole (Past President, 1981-86). Lady Davies. Sir Ron Oearing, Lord Gregson, the Eart of Halsbury. Sir Ernest and Lady Harrison. Dr and Mrs Tom Johnston. Sir Francis and Lady McWilliams. Sir Denis Rooke (Past President, 1986-91) and Lady Rooke. Or Alan Rudge, Mr and Mrs Oavid Salnsbury, the Eart and Coumess of Selbornie. Sir William and Lady Stewan. Mr lan Taylor. MP, and Mrs Taylor and Mr and Mrs Lawrence Turner.

Glovers' Company

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The Chief Rabbi and Mrs Sacks were the principal guests at a dinner of the Glovers' Company held yesterday at Clothmakers' Hali. Mr Alan Fishman. Master, presided. Anchorites

Mr RJ. Sayer was the principal guest at a dinner of the Anchorites held last ight at the Cafe Royal, Captain J Incorporated Glasgow Renfrewshire Society The Lord-Lieutenant of Renfrewshire

The Lord-Lieutenani of Rentrewshare was the guest of the Directors of the Incorporated Glasgow Rentrewshire Society at a dinner held last night at The Western Club, Glasgow, after the annual meeting. Mrs Mary Davies, president, was in the chair. Lady Davies, the rentry was represent

DEATHS

Frederick.

Captain Cook's ship is banned from her home port

Owners fear replica may run aground

By Paul Wilkinson

THE OWNERS of a replica of the ship in which Captain Cook made his most famous voyage are refusing to allow her to moor at Whitby, where the Endeavour was built 230 years ago.
A E7 million replica of the

ship was to put into the North Yorkshire port at the start of a journey retracing the captain's first voyage South Seas in 1768.

But after a series of unfor-tunate accidents with mudflats and harbour bottoms elsewhere on her cruise. the Australian trust which owns the replica has banned her from small tidal moorings like that at Whitby. Instead, when the 97ft long. three-masted sailing vessel arrives next year she will have to anchor offshore.

The news has angered Whitby folk and generated a flurry of faxes and phone calls between Scarborough Borough Council, which saw the visit as a great tourism coup, and the Endeavour Foundation in Fremantle. Western Australia. "It's a nonsense." said Ar-

chie Thompson of the Captain Cook Memorial Museum, which occupies the quayside house where the captain's maritime career began as an apprentice with a local shipowner, "Cook delib-erately took Whitby 'Cats' as they are called because they were wide. flat-bottomed craft, which could sit on a mudflat without falling over and float off at the next high tide. He knew he was sailing where no one else had been and wanted to be sure that if he grounded he could get off again. "It is all quite ridiculous to

suggest this replica could get stuck. When the tide is out there are areas of harbour

The Hon Michael Beloff, QC, president-designate. Trinity College, Oxford. 54: Dr Clive Booth, Vice-

Chancellor, Oxford Brookes University, 53: Mr Alan Devereux,

former chairman, Scottish Tourist Board, 63: the Marquess of Donegall, 50: Mr Nick Farr-Jones, rugby

player. 34: Miss Sylvia Fisher, so-prano. 86; Mr Brian Fuller, former

prano. So; Mr Brian Fuller. Inrmer Commandani. Fire Service College. Moreton-in-Marsh. 60. Mr David Gee. Iormer director, Friends of the Earth. 49: Sir Peter Hordern. MP. 67: Mr Peter Jeffrey, actor. 67: Mr Christopher Lawrence, managing director. London Phil-harmonic Orchestry. 46: Lord Mason.

harmonic Orchestra, 40; Lord Mason of Barnsley, 72: Miss Hayley Mills, actress, 50; the Very Rev Dominic

actress, 50: the Very Rev Dominic Milroy. OSB, former Headmaster. Amplelorth College. 64: Baroness Plan of Writtle. 73: the Right Rev Dr E.J.K. Roberts. former Bishop of Ely. 88: Mr Ian Taylor, MP. 51: Sir Teddy Taylor. MP. 59: Sir Edgar Unsworth, former Chief Justice of Gibraltar. 90: Mr V.E. Wats. Principal, Grey College.

College. Durham University.

Prince Michael of Kent, President of

the Council of the Soldiers'. Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association.

presided at a dinner given by the Council last night at Apsley House by permission of the Duke and Duchess

of Wellington, to mark the retirement of Major General C.R. Grey as Controller of SSAFA, who will be

succeeded by Major General P.J.

Retirement

Birthdays

today



bottom exposed, but there is also a dredged channel and deep-water moorings for the commercial ships which regularly collect and deliver

cargoes here."
Peter Barton, the council official responsible for the borough's harbours, said that a series of options had been sent to Fremantle to encourage the Endeavour to dock We have offered them moorings where the commercial ships tie up and elsewhere. They have been guaranteed a place where the ship will float even at the lowest tide. We have also offered them a

Mr Terence Cunea

topher Thompson.

Fields.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Charteris

of Amisfield at a service of thanks-giving for the life and work of Mr

held yesterday at St Martin-in-the-

The Duke of Kent was repre-

sented by Mr Nicolas Adamson and Prince Michael of Kent by

The Rev Bernhard G. Schünemann officiated, assisted

by the Rev John Robson. Mr Gordon Cuneo. cousin, read the

lesson and Mr Peter Knight read

The School Dance by Terence

Brigadier Gerald Landy, Mr Michael Campbell Bowling, the Hon Sir William McAlpine and

Mr David Shepherd gave ad-

During the service a selection of

music chosen by Mr Cuneo for Desert Island Discs was played by

a brass quintet from the Royal

Logistic Corps. Mr Edmund and Mrs Jackie Hockridge sang Rodgers and Hammerstein's You'll Never Walk Alone. accompanied by Mr Stephen

Hession, piano. The Right Rev Lord Runcie

pronounced the blessing. Among

Ms Carole Cuneo (daughten, Mr and Mrs Stuart Moxham, Miss Melante Viner-Cuneo and Mr Andrew Viner (grandchildren, Mrs Gordon Cuneo, Mrs Doris Cuneo-Mastach, Mrs

Others present were:

Cuneo, when he was aged 15.

place on a bank of soft silt which would not cause them any underwater damage."

Eleanor Muirhead, the trust's UK representative said: "At the moment the plan is to keep the vessel offshore, but we are oot in a position to confirm anything yet. We know that there is a problem at Whitby because there is more mud in Whitby than there was io Cook's day.
"The ship is slightly differ-

ent below the waterline. mainly because it has an engine and a propeller and her skipper does not want

General Sir George Cooper, General Sir Kenneth Oarling, Sir George Edwards. OM. FRS, General Sir Martin and Lady Farndale, General Sir Robert and Lady Ford. Sir John and Lady Mogg, Sir Michael and Lady Tims.

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Sir John Badenoch

A Memorial Service for Sir John

Badenoch, Fellow 1965-87 Fmer-

itus Fellow 1987-96, will be held at

2.30pm on Saturday. April 27, 1996, in the Chapel, Merton Coll-

ege, Oxford. Tea will be served in Hall after the Service.

Memorial services



Cook claimed Australia

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir Francis Baring, banker, Larkbear, Devon, 1740; Louis-Adolphe Thiers, 1st Presi-dent of the Third Republic of France 1871-73, Marseilles, 1797; Leopold Stokowski, conductor, London, 1882.

gist, London, 1557; H.A.L. Fisher, historian, London, 1940; Albert Einstein, physicist. Nobel laureat 1921, Princeton, New Jersey, 1955. writer, New York, 1964.

Luncheons

HM Government Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Minister of

State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty: Government vesterday at Lancaster House in honour of Dr Haris Silajdzic, Leader of Party for Bosnia and Herzegovina. Mid-Atlantic Club! English-

Speaking Union
The Mexican Ambassador was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Mid-Atlantic Club/English-Speaking Union held yesterday at Dartmouth House. Sir Peter Marshall was in

St Mary Abchurch

Sir Sigmund Sternberg gave a funchtime talk on interfaith rela-tions at Si Mary Abchurch yes-terday. Mrs Ruth Weyl also spoke.

DEATHS

Geby Che

/IGIGN - isabelle, aged 33. died tragically on t ith April 1996, in the Dassaidorf Airport (ire, Beloved daughter of Monique and

WATSON - Harold Mark. on 16th April. at Kingston Hoppins after a short liness, dearly beloved humband of Mary. father of Cathy. Former Professor of French, at Memphis State University and President of the U.S.A. Clanded Society. Require

(Learnington) is Head of School and Speech Day will be Saturday.
May 25, when the Prizes will be
presented by the High Sheriff of
Kent, Mr Robin Baker White. The
Old Dovorlan Society Banquet will
take place in the College Referency on Saturday, June 22, and the week of celebrations end with the 125

Friday, June 28. Holmwood House, Colchester Summer Term begins today at Holmwood House, Colchester. Sports Day is on Friday, May 24: the Talbot Society Fete is on Sunday, June 16, and term will end with Speech Day on Saturday, July

Headington School, Oxford The Summer Term begins today. There will be a concert in the Holywell Music Room on May 8. Juliet Allen will give a Recital in the School Hall on May 9 in aid of the school's South African Netball Tour. There will be a Drama Show by the Theatre Studies students on May 10. There will be a concert in the School Hall on May Iti. Headingtonians' Day is June 8. Foundation Day is June 28. The Venerable Alec Knight. Archdeacon of Basingstoke, will preach at the Foundation Day Service, in the afternoon the Sports Hall will be opened by Oluyinka idowu, Headingtonian, member of the 1992 British Otympic Team as B long jumper, and in the evening there will be a show entitled

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BATTS - George Frederick very pearefully in his sleep at Duchess of Keal House on April 13th. Beloved husband of Kathleen, deeply devoted father of Greg and Gerard, dearly loved grandfather of Etolly. Alexander as of Charlotte. Service el Esethampstead Park Crematorium on Monday April 22nd ol 11.30 am, Femily Towers only. but

Femily Rowers only, but donellors if wished to Duchess of Kent Hoose, Lebenrood Road, Reading, RO30 2DX.

BOCK - Peacefully at home on April 14th 1996, Florence Johanna Horrietta aged 93 years. Moch loved by Garfield, Cilve, her loving

family and many deal

family and many dear friends. Funeral at Puther Vale Crematorium on Friday April 19th at 10.50 tm. Family flowers only. Donations to lier to World. East Health Care Team and The Harding Housing: Associalidan c/o Cheiseal Funeral Directors. 2608 Fulham Road, Swio 9EL

BUCKHAM - On March 14th in Winchester after a short filmess Arthur Harold much loved hushand of Bevé, beloved father of Annie, the late Andrew, inshells Alice, lain and Sophie and grandfather of James. Chartes and Narseba

iain and Sophie and grandistier of James. Charles and Natasha. Funeral Service at Airestord Parish Charch on Thursday April 25th at 2 pm. Family Bowers only. Donations, if dealed, may be sent to The Hormety Educational Trust of which Arthur was the first Chairman and served for many years enabling the Charlet to Bourish c/o The Burser. 261 Trinity Road. London SW18 36N.

PERSONAL COLUMN

DEATHS DEATHS

HAWKINS - Leonard on April 15th 1996 in his 98th year. Past master of The Satters Company, husband of the late Dinky, stepfather to Shirley, beloved uncle of Gerald, Susan, Dorothy, Judy and Richard, Funeral at St Margarer's Church, Eartham on Wednesday April 24th at 11.15 am. Flowers and enquiries to Edward White & Sen 181: (01243) 782136, JUSHING - Professor George Posteria - Fromewa Cook we Frederick. At St. Christopher's Hospice on 12th April 1996 aged 73. Emeritus Professor of Hunnarian. London University. Service of Thanksgiving at the Methodist Church, Prince Imperial Road, Chischurst. on Thursday April 25th at 3.15 pm. Familty flowers only. but donotione, If desired, to St Christopher's Hoenice. Syvenham. or Chielehurst Methodist Church.

IEAD - Donald Edwin, on 16th April aged 76. Beloved husband of Margaret and much loved lather of Janet. Christine and Karen. His funeral service will take place on Friday 26th April at 2 pm at St Mary's Church. DUNCAN - On April 15th 1996. peacefully in Palanton. aged 88, Nancie Winifred, beloved wife of the late Dr. L.L. Duncan and much loved mother of John. Funcan at 2 pm April 25th at Torquay Crematorium, Hele Road. Torquay. 2 pm at 5 may 5 Congri.
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GREENLESS - Ysobel Raiston Greenless; on Wadnesday 17th April pencerulty to her alcep to her 91th year. Dearly loved mother of Oedffrey and Joan. praudamother and preat-prandamother. Funeral Service 11 am Holy Trinty. Avr. on 25th April followed HOGAN - John James (Jack)
formerty of Sunhary on
Thames died peacefully at
The Royal Star & Garter
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W.S. Bond, 127 High Road.
London, W4 2ED.

DEATHS

LEWIS - Shella Curts (née Ledingham) on 16th April. Beloved mother of Philip. Suan and Christopher gifer a chort lliness, brevaly foophi, at 5t Michael's Hospice. Busingstoke. Funeral 5 pm 20th April 25 Mary's Church, Bestworth, Alton, Hatopshirs. No flowers pieze, but donations to St Michael's Hospice c/o Charles Read & Daughier, 13 Turk Streel, Alton, Hants. GUS4 1AG.

LOYD-THOMAS - Davi LLOVD-THOMAS - David date of The Weich Regt) at home on Apru 18th 1996. Beloved husband of Joy, dearly loved father and grandfether. Foneral Tuesday April 23rd 2.30 pm The Parish Church, Michaelston-y-Fedw, nr. Castleton. Family flowers only. Dunstions if withed to George Thomas Housten, c/o Toveys. Cardiff Rond, Newport, Gwent.

LOW - Allen on Wedn April 17th, mpch loved misband of Jean and brother of Edward. Funeral Service at All Saints Church. Steep, nr. Petersfield. on Tuesday, nr. Petersones, on Tuentsy, April 23rd at 2.30 pto. Family flowers only, Donations, if wished, to the Macmillan Service, King Edward Vit Hounital, Midfurst, W. Sussex.

MACDDNALD - On April 16th 1996, peacefully at 16th 1996, peacefully at 17th 1996, peaceful of Hennaum 1997, peaceful and Shella and proadgrandfather, Funeral Service at Dundee Crematorium on Friday 19th April of 12 mon. Family flowers only.

MDLLOY - Seckie, much loved wife of kit and dearly beloved mother of Pairick, and Sarah, peacefully or April 18th with her family at her side, Fineral Service on April 28th at 2.50 pm at St Nicholes Church, Leeds, nr. Maidston, Kent.

NORTOM - On April 15th, Nancy peacofully in Tolworth Hospital, Funeral Service at Kingston, Crematorium on Tuesday, April 23rd at 3 pm. Flowers and enguiries to A & Ellonghurst, 21-25 Kingston Hoad, Ewall, Surrey, lei: (Ot8t) 393-1077.

CUICKENDEN - Neal Adrian' died 6th April 1996. Dearly, loved son of Dr. Kanneth and Rosamary and brother of Sarah. Service at St Peter's Chorch. Maney. Satten Coldfield. Thursday 18th April 11.50 am. The burlais as vice will being place at All Saints Church, Writstable, at 12 noon Friday 19th April. Donastons ploase fdr. Leukaetnia Research Fundt c/o lan Hazel Fuserais Ld., 6 Belwell Lane, Four Oaks. Satton Coldfield, B74 4AA.

ROGENSON - On April 16ft; 1996 peacefully at home. Elizabeth Margaret (Betty), dearly loved mother of Susan and Diana, and also a much-loved grandmother of Claire and David. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium on womeatup 24th April at 12 nom. Family flowers only, but donations if wished for The Cancer Relief Macmalian Fund. may be be sent c/o Robert Ayling Fuseral Services. 25 South Road. Guildford GUI 6NY, lel: (01483) 867333.

DEATHS SARGAN - J. Denis, Emerits Professor of Economic Scienco and Stallatics.

Science and Statistics., University of London (London School of Economics), suddenly and without suffering. Puneral at Harlow Crematorium. Paradon Wond. Harlow. 2.30pm 28th April. Flowers handly only. Dondtons for MENCAP are being collected by D.C. Poulton & Sens. Chris Lane. Epping CMI64 4NJ. ta: (01992) 572609.

SAYRES - Née Armstrong, On 14th April 1996 pencefully at home Manuscrita Etzabeth and 89 years. Who of the lato Richard J. Sayres, devoted mother of Marianne and Edward, dearly towad, grandmother and groat-grandmother. Funeral Service at Binnoford Parish-Church on Tuesday 23rd April at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only but donalions if dealerd for the Dorset Wildlife Trust may be sent to Colin J. Close Funeral Service, tB Salisbury Street, Blandford, Dorsel, jul: (01280 463133. SAYRES - Née Arrestrona, O

SCOTT - Eustace lan on April 14th In his 28th year. Beloved husband of Disphna. Funeral private, No inters please. Memorial Service Alverdiscott Parist Church. North Devon. Tuesday April 23rd tt am. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation.

SPURLING - Yan (De Crematorium Chapsi t 0.30am Thursday 1 fith 10.30am Thursday inca April No flowers, Domailors to lan's favourite charity viz Barbera Booroff c/o The Royal Ballet, Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, Loadon WCZE 9DD.

IN MEMORIAM -

GRAY - Lawrence Eftward.

Born 17th July 1936 died

tiffh April 1994,
repenshered with much love
and affection by ish family,
wife Beryl, daughters Nicola.

Jacqueline and Denise and
grandson Oliver.

TAYLOR - Geoffrey died on April 1811 1998. Remembered with moch love, Mary.

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St John's School, Leatherhead Summer Term began yesterday at St John's School, Leatherhead.

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Mark Glew is Captain of the School and Richard Vosser is Captain of Cricket. The Junior School play Loot will be performed on May 22, 23 and 24, and the ODS production of Abigail's Party will be on July 4 and 5. Choral Evensong is at 6.30pm on Tuesday, May 7, the Friends of St John's Recatal is at 6.30pm on Thursday, June 6, and the Summer Concert will be performed on Sunday, June 30, at 8pm. Old Johnian Sunday is June 30 - the preacher will be the Rev Martin . Francis and Prizegiving is on

Saturday, July 6, when the Guest of Honour will be Lord Carlisle of Bucklow. Mr S.W. Chubb retires at the end of the term after 35 years as Head of Economics and Politics.

The Governors are pleased to

announce the appointment as Headmaster of Mr David Humphreys, BA. Mr Humphreys, who is Deputy Head of Caterham School, Surrey, will take up his appointment on September 1, 1996, when Mr David Welsh becomes

Lord-Lieutenancy of Argyli and Bute

The Duke of Argyll has been apointed Lord-Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute in succession to the late Robin Neill Lochneil Malcolm of Poltalloch has been appointed Vice Lord-Lieutenant

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Stavros Niarchos, Greek shipowner and financier, died in Zurich on April 15 aged 86. He was born on July 3, 1909.

WITH his great peer and competitor. Aristotle Onassis, the shipowner Stavros Niarchos was one of that handful of ingenious Greek businessmen whose talents and flair contributed to the creation of Greece's modern maritime status. Like some mercantile Agameninon and Menelaus of their age, the pair - though, unlike the fraternal Argives, generally at each other's throats — seemed to bestride the seas with their ships. By the early 1980s (by which time his rival had died) Niarchos had built up one of the world's largest private tanker fleets -some four million tonnes deadweight. Notwithstanding that the slump which hit world merchant shipping also took a severe toll of his fleet, he was nevertheless big enough and canny enough to survive it.

Although his holding of ships was more than halved by the recession, emerging after it at little over 1.8 million lonnes deadweight from 26 tankers and bulk carriers, he was still in the top ten of Greek shipowners. But when a new generation emerged in Greece in erecent years to take the lead, Niarchos diversified his investments and financial interests into property, art and the money markets. In purely shipping terms, by the time of his death he ranked 15th in the list of Greek owners, with IS vessels totalling just over a million tonnes.

His rivalry with Onassis was replete with all the explosiveness implicit in the age-old proverb When Greek meets Greek . . . " and had a sexual as well as a mercantile dimension. Their acrimonious business dealings came scarcely second in the public perceprion to the passion of both men for being seen in the company of the most glamomus - and if possible rich women of their day. Indeed, the last of Niarchos's five wives had formerly been married to Onassis. A private island, luxury yachts, an educated taste for art and a string of racehorses were the other accourrements of the life Niarchos led outside the world of his shipping and business interests.

Stavros Spyros Niarchos was born in Piraeus, the port of Athens, the son of Spyros Niarchos and his wife Eugenie. His birth took place soon after his parents returned from the United States where they had emigrated. He graduated at the Law School of Athens University and went to work in the Piraeus flour-mills owned by his maternal uncles. He soon showed the acute business acumen for which he was ever afterwards noted when he persuaded these relations to buy their own cargo ships to carry wheat to their mills. He himself invested all his outbreak of the Second World War he had set up a small shipping office in Piraeus to operate his seven ships,

which included two tankers. In 1941 he offered this, still at that time modest, fleet to the Allies, while he himself joined the Greek Navy. For

STAVROS NIARCHOS



four years he served in destroyers escorting convoys in the North Atlan-oc. He was a lieutenant, Royal Navy, when he was demobilised and returned to his shipping business. Of his seven vessels only one returned un-scathed from the war. He cashed in about £500,000 from insurance and promptly invested it in more ships. In an age before that of the supertanker he had a vision of the big ship, By 1949 he was building up to 18,000 tonnes with his World Peace. His 45,000tonne World Glory, ordered in 1954, was then the largest tanker in the world (though a mere minnow by the side of today's half a million tonne leviathans).

In 1956, when expatriate shipowners were urged to invest in Greece to help in their fatherland's economic development, be bid for the concession of the Greek national airlines, but lost to Aristotle Onassis, who went on to set up Olympic Airways. In 1957, however. he spent £8.5 million to build Hellenic Shipyards, a shipbuilding and repairing installation at Skaramanga, near Piraeus. By then he was regarded as He owned villas in Paris, London, New York, the Bahamas and on the French Riviera, but preferred to live mostly at St Moritz where he had set up an extraordinary communications centre to keep an eye on the activities of his vast shipping empire.

He was a genial host and entertained in the grand manner, with an extravagance which was not, however, ostentatious when compared with that of Onassis. Spetsopoula, an almost deserted islet some fifty miles south-west of Athens, was fitted out as his private island retreat. He stocked the island with pheasants and partridges and entertained guests at shooting parties, among them the then King Constantine and Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands, Princess Margaret and members of other European myal families.

In the 1950s, when continental royalty in Europe was fast becoming an extinct species, he financed Queen Frederica's get-acquainted cruises for members of reigning and deposed royal and princely houses: this initiative eventually resulted in several He was a keen sportsman and a

great art collector. His luxurious motor yacht Atlantis - which replaced the three-masted schooner Creole - as well as his house in Paris were well stocked with the works of El Greco, and Renoir. In January 1965 he negotiated a massive sale of 50 ships to American corporation for \$71 million.

American buyers hesitant, since most

of the ships were under time-charters in sterling.

His long-standing rivalry with Onassis reached its climax in 1969 when the military dictatorship in Athens was offering a lucrative oil refinery contract in exchange for massive industrial investment projects. Onassis was on the verge of signing up a \$600 million contract with the Greek Government when Niarchos stepped in with an attractive counter-bid, and managed to upset the negotiations. The two men denounced

each other publicly and acrimoniously. The Onassis deal eventually fell through, but Niarches managed to secure for himself the ownership of one-half of the state refinery at Aspropyrgos in exchange for industrial investments of \$200 million which were never carried out. When the dictatorship collapsed, the new Greek Government challenged the validity of Niarchos's deal with the dimators and bought him out of Aspropyrgos.

In 1985 he sold his shipyard to the Greek state when the ruling Socialists denied him permission for large-scale redundancies to offset serious losses caused by the shipping crisis and poliocally motivated labour unrest.

He was married five times: his first marriage, when he was 21, was a brief affair and lasted only a year. It is excised from the record books. He married, secondly, in 1939. Melpomene Capparis. There were no children of this marriage, which was dissolved in 1947. But it was his marriage in that year to the daughter of another Greek shipowner. Evgenia Livanos, that lasted longest. Her sister, Tina, had married Onassis the previous year.) By her he had three sons and a daughter. Her death in Spetsopoula in May 1970 was from what the coroner described as an overdose of barbiturates, but bruises on her body also seemed to suggest violence and Niarchos was charged with manslaughter, A judicial council exonerated him. He was considerably embittered by the experience and his visits to Greece from Switzerland, which he had made his home, became less frequent.

However in 1965 he had briefly divorced Evgenia in order to marry Charlotte McDonnell Ford, by whom he had a daughter. They divorced 15 months later and he drifted back to Evgenia. Since the Greek Orthodox Church had never recognised his divorce from Evgenia this resumption of conjugal ties needed no formal sanction. Soon after Evgenia's death, he married her sister. Tina, the former wife of Onassis. It was assumed at the time that he had done this to spite his arch-rival or even to unite the gigantic shipping fortunes of the Niarchoses and the Livanoses. Tina died in Paris in October 1974 of a sudden illness (Onassis died in the following year). was known to have had a series of tempestuous romances with beautiful

He is survived by the three sons and But the deal was called off because of the sterling crisis which had made the Charlotte Ford.

SIR WILLIAM WILKINSON

Sir William Wilkinson. chairman of the Nature Conservancy Council, 1983-91, died after a stroke on April 12 aged 63. He was born on July 22, 1932.

AFTER a successful career in industry and merchant banking, latterly as a director of Kleinwori Benson, William Wilkinson sank his energies into what had always been his first love - wildlife and its protection. Ever since his boyhood, when his family had spent holidays in South Wales. Wilkinson had been fascinated by birds. Ornithology remained his lifelong passion.

He became the chairman during the 1980s - the last decade of its existence - of the now defunct Nature Conservancy Council, and had the unhappy experience of seeing that body wound down in 1991. Wilkinson had fought the new Environment Protection Act, which had paved the way for the NCC's closure, every inch of the way, and had been invested, as a result, with the aura of a hero by many of those working in voluntary conservation bodies.

William Henry Nairn Wilkinson was the son of a keen amateur ornithologist and housemaster at Eton. His mother was a lecturer in Classics at London University. He was educated at Eton. where he was a King's Scholar, and at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he was a Major Scholar, and read Classics. His main career was in industry and banking, and he held a number of directorships, at Lonhro in the early 1970s and at the merchant bankers Kleinwort Benson from 1973 to 1985. From 1986 to 1990 he was a board member of the former Central Electricity Generating Board.

All this was concurrent with his work for the conservation movement. During the 1960s, Wilkinson had worked in Turkey, and while he was there he helped to found the Ornithological Society of Turkey. which became the Ornitholog-ical Society of the Middle East under his chairmanship. When he returned to Britain. he became a council member of the RSPB, and its treasurer, 1971-76 and 1981-83. In 1983 he was made chairman of the Joining the NCC at a critical

brought a new dimension to its activity, through his experience in finance and administranon. He won the organisation a huge increase in budget. and gave a quality of leadership that carried it through to



a new height of influence. Among his achievements was his successful battle to control the industry of afforestation, which was threatening to overnun many wildlife habitats. He was rewarded with a knighthood in 1989.

Eight years ago, personal tragedy struck when Wilkinson was suddenly and permanently afflicted by nearblindness. This was swiftly followed by the bad news that the Government had decided to devolve the powers of the NCC onto three bodies serving Scotland, Wales and England, The crisis had originated in

the Environment Protection Act 1990, one of the last legacies of Nicholas Ridley's time as Environment Secretary, an Act which Wilkinson had described as "half-boiled" since its early stage on the drawing board. He argued that the three new bodies would be underfunded and illprepared, and that it would be impossible for individual agencies to assess conservation needs on a national basis. Nor were they likely to wield the same sort of influence as the old NCC (something which Wilkinson suspected might have been the Government's original intention in founding them).

The plan was seen through into law by Ridley's successor. Chris Panen. Wilkinson delivthe Government's action when he presented the council's final annual report in November 1990, and was given a standing ovation. After the demise of the NCC,

Wilkinson spent his last years

conservation movement. He was chairman of Plantlife, and president of the London Wildife Trust and of the Briosh Trust for Ornithology. As chairman of Birds of the Western Palaearctic, he helped to see this great ninevolume series of definitive bird books through to successful completion. Wilkinson was a tactful

the voluntary conservation

bodies, and helping to raise

their profile within the whole

man, and won many victories though friendly diplomacy, allied to a more hidden steely resolve. He had a flair for composing elegant speeches which hit all the right notes and disarmed the opposition. His other great love was music, especially opera, and he had a fine baritone voice. He was also a keen amateur archaeologist.
Faced often with extremely

difficult decisions, Wilkinson brought a rare moral courage to his conservation work. And despite his blindness he bravely showed enormous commitment in meeting the duties he had undertaken, particularly in diligent anendance at meetings, though he owed much to the support of his wife Kate. Wilkinson confinued to delight in wild nature, as when he was taken to see, however imperfectly, the charming doimountain tops, and the Flow Country which he had fought so hard to save from the plantations of conifers. William Wilkinson is sur-

vived by his wife, and by his son and two daughters.

SIR STEPHEN MILLER

women.

Sir Stephen Miller. KCVO, Surgeon Oculist to the Oucen, 1974-80, and Hospitaller of the St John Ophthalmic Hospital, Jerusalem, 1980-90, died on April 12 aged 80. He was born on July 19, 1915.

A MAN of remarkable surgical skill coupled with an impressive capacity for organisation, Stephen Miller achieved renown both within bis profession as an ophthalneids outside it. While a consultant at St George's Hospital he worked also at Moorfields Eye Hospital to establish the first glaucoma

unit in London, offering a specialist level of care which would have been impossible to achieve in the general clinics of the time. In later years, he devoted his energies with the same unstinting enthusiasm to charitable work, rejuvenating the St John Ophthalmic Hospital, Jerusalem, a hospital whose policy was to hold its doors open to all in need, regardless of race or creed.

Stephen James Hamilton Miller was born in Arbroath. Tayside. The eldest of the family, he was a studious child and to those who did not know him may have seemed a little distant. His headmaster described him in a school those who knew him not, but to those who sought him, sweet as summer". He read medicine at

Aberdeen University, graduating in 1937. After a series of house appointments, including one in ophthalmology at the Royal Infirmary, Hull, he was called up in 1939 as a surgeon-lieutenant. RNVR. He had three years of general duties in the Mediterranean before, by an extraordinary act of confidence in view of his limited ophthalmic experience, he was appointed to the position of ophthalmic specialist at the RN Auxiliary Hospital, Kilmacolm, one of the

report as "lofty and sour to busiest naval hospitals of the time. Given this opportunity, he essentially taught himself ophthalmology and in 1944 achieved the standard required for the Diploma of Ophthalmic Surgery and Medicine in London.

With his new qualification he was promptly seconded to the Royal Navy Hospital in Bighi in Malta. Here he impressed Air Commodore Kenh Lyle, who intermittently visited and inspected the ophthalmic services of the Maltese hospitals, to the extent that Miller was asked to care for the RAF personnel on the island in addition to his naval duties. This contact with Lyle

was 10 have a profound effect on his career at a later date. After demobilisation in May 1946, he took a brief appointment in Glasgow Eye Infirmary before an appointment as consultant ophthalmic surgeon in Hull Royal Infirmary. This, however, was not a

success. Miller soon realised that the new hospital and equipment which had been promised were not to materialise and he resigned after only six weeks, predicting that a new hospital would not be built for 20 years. In fact, it took 21. It was at this time that he

once more sought the advice of Keith Lyle, who urged him to start again at the bottom of the ladder in London. Miller resigned his consultant's post to become a registrar on the house of the Royal Westminster Eye Hospital. When a sudden restructuring of ophthalmic services in London made it seem that there would be no consultant appointments available for several years, he left to live io California for a while, but returned to England again after just a few months and became registrar at St George's Hospital. In 1952 he was promoted to consultant in ophthalmology. Subsequently he was appoint-

ed to the consultant staff at Moorfields Eye Hospital. High Holborn, and the National Hospital for Nervous

Diseases, Queen Square.
At Moorfields he was able to establish the first glaucoma unit in London, believing that progress and understanding and treatment of glaucoma depended upon careful examination of visual fields and other tests delegated to trained personnel. Similarly at the National Hospital, Queen Square, he established an ophthalmic unit second to none, using funds from the Frost Charitable Trust. of which he was chairman, to purchase new equipment.

In 1965 Miller was appointed Surgeon Oculist to Her Majesty's Household and subsequently, from 1974 to 1980, Surgeon Oculist to the Queen. In 1979 he was appointed a Knight Commander of the

Royal Victorian Order. In 1980, at the age of 65, Miller retired from the NHS. He immediately became Hospitaller of the Order of St John in which capacity he was responsible to the manager of the St John Ophthalmic Hospital, Jerusalem. In 1980 the hospital's capital account stood at £250,000. Realising that this was wholly inade-



quate, Miller embarked upon a campaign to bring the work of the hospital to the attention of a wider audlence. He achieved enormous success. When he retired as Hospitaller in 1990, the hospital had been re-equipped to the stan-dards of a London teaching hospital and the capital accoupt had been increased to more than 46 million. He was appointed a Knight of the Order of St John in 1978 and Bailiff Grand Cross in 1987.

He also supported the Guide Dogs for the Blind and served as a trustee from 1981 to 1991. He contributed to the restructuring of comminees to ensure a more equitable assessment of those who might require guide dogs and he also set up a comminee of disfinguished members to advise the society how best to distribute its funds for research into the causes and prevennon of blindness.

Miller served as a governor of Moorfields Eye Hospital from 1961 to 1967 and again from 1974 to 1977. He was Master of the Oxford Ophthalmic Congress, 1969-70, and received the Doyne Medal in 1972 and the Monigomery Medal in 1974.

He also wrote several textbooks, including Modern Trends in Ophthalmology (1973). Operative Surgery (1976) and Parsons' Diseases the Eve (1978).

Miller's main sporting interest was golf, but in his retirement he took up again a boyhood pastime of fishing. He also played the piano.

He is survived by his wife Heather, whom he married in 1949, and by their three sons, the youngest of whom is now a consultant at Moorfields Eye Hospital.

THE ABUSE OF TIPPING.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

As the practice of tipping has widened its scope by conquering the new countries of the

world, so it has deepened its power over those

who live in old countries where the pourboire has long been an established institution. For

example, consider the fashion of tipping in the

better class London restaurants. Ten years ago

a piece of silver was always sufficient to

awaken the waiter's smile: a few coopers were

a sufficient guarantee that he would bring you

your hat and coat with the requisite deference.

To-day, the waiter at any good West-end

restaurant expects from 15 to 20 per cent on the

amount of your bill. Anything else causes him to cast on you that look, which the boldest

flinch from intended to imply that you are a

"gent" rather than a gentleman. The waiter, poor fellow, is not to be blamed for thus

endeavouring to keep up the local standard of

tipping. The management, which pays him no

wages or even exacts a payment from him and

so casts the burden of his maintenance on the public, is really to blame for the system. Not a

few of the places where, a few years ago, one

could dine with simple houry and decorously

at a reasonable cost have been spoilt for the

person of moderate means by the lavish

tipping of wealthy foreigners who leave a

April 18, 1908

ON THIS DAY

When to tip, whom to tip and how much are problems which can face people today, just as they did in the Edwardian spring of 1908. In country house circles it seems to have been felt that the chauffeur, the "spoilt darling of the servants' half", had rather got above himself.

meteoric trail of gold and silver donations behind them as they "streak" through our poor, natient metropolis ...

But it is in certain country houses that one observes the most odious abuses of tipping. Time was when the man of moderate means could always accept an invitation to spend the week-end at some well-to-do friend's country seat or to enjoy a day's shooting. In the former case a single pound would cover all necessary donations; in the laner, a sovereign to the headkeeper and half-sovereigns, or even what the cabmen call "dollars," to his underlings were amply sufficient. In these days, however,

five times as much is expected and paid as a matter of course. If, for example, you tip the chauffeur who takes you from and to the station on the same scale as, on the occasion of previous visits in days before the motor-car arrived, you tipped the groom who drove the dogcart, his manner of acceptance is apt to be positively impertinent. The chauffeur is still a spoilt darling of the servants' hall, though in the best houses successful efforts are being made to reduce his status to that of oldfashioned coachman, who, even if he is disappointed in the size of his tip, seldom or never allows his resentment to dislocate his manners ... The standard of tipping in ountry houses has now become so exorbitant that it is more economical to spend one's weekends at a good hotel. As for shooting invitations, no man of small means can afford to accept them. The impudence of undertipped keepers sometimes passes all bounds. A friend of mine, who offered two sovereigns to a headkeeper, received the amazing answer of a hand placed behind the back-a most emphatic refusal to take the gift-and the significant words, "Sir. this is a paper house." That was to say, nothing less than a £5 note should have been offered to this dignitary, who, to do him justice, had shown the party

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Nowadays adultery is quite fash-

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The conventional liberal view is

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School standards warning

Sir Claus Moser, who made a speech six years ago which ignited public anxiety over education, said last night that standards had slipped still further since then.

The former Warden of Wadham College, Oxford, who is an adviser to the Prince of Wales and was the founder of the National Commission on Education, welcomed recent government initiatives in schools, but argued that underachievement had become even more serious since 1990Page I

Duchess says Duke is her bestest friend

■ The Duchess of York declared that she would remain "the bestest of friends" with her estranged husband as the couple, along with 28 other petitioners, were granted a divorce in their absence in the Family Division of the High Court in a hearing Pages I. 4, 20 lasting less than three minutes...

Major stands firm

John Major, speaking in Prague. let it be known that he will resist pressure for radical right wing policies after the Tories' drubbing at the Staffordshire by-electionPages 2, 8, 21 'Enemy alien' sues

A German-born pensioner who claims she was treated as an "enemy alien" and interned during the War has been granted legal

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Michael Howard pandered to popular public outrage when he ordered that the schoolboy killers of James Bulger should be detained for a minimum of 15 years, the High Court heard Page 6 Gulf War damage

diers from nerve gas and desert insects during the Gulf War could

have caused neurological damage, new research finds....Page 9 Kenwood protest Sir Jocelyn Stevens was urged to

Chemicals used to protect sol-

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Heritage unless he apologised for mocking patrons of London's Kenwood House Page 10 Lost birdsong

Millions of Britain's best loved songbirds are disappearing from gardens and the countryside, victims of intensive farming, pollution and buildingPage 11

Fascism beaten

Gianfranco Fini, leader of Italy's "post-Fascists" and the rising star of the election campaign, said the legacy of Fascism had been overcome and the tide was turning in his favour Pages 12, 21

Forgotten Chernobyl

Ten years after the world's worst nuclear accident at Chernobyl. the region around the crippled reactor looks like a forgotten battlefield. But the fight to contain radiation continues...... Page 13

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The shipping magnate Stavros Niarchos often said "I feel Greek," but he was oddly stateless and travelled the world in luxury as the wandering Golden

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Dishing the dirt on art cleaning

The National Gallery, which will this month unveil a major restoration, was attacked for its "secretive" art cleaning policies and for a series of scientific "blunders" since the War that have altered the look of Old Masters including works by Titian, Veronese and Giampietrino. Michael Daley, the British art campaigner, was speaking in New York



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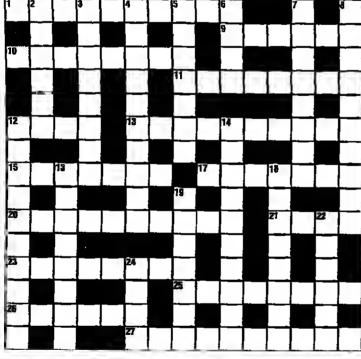
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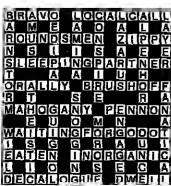
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FORECAST

General: England and Wales will be cloudy with outbreaks of rain. The east and southeast will start dry but rain in the west will make erratic progress eastwards. The rain will be heavy at times, especially over the higher ground in Wales. Further east it will be

lighter and more patchy. Much of Scotland, along with Northern Ireland, will be cloudy with rain, heaviest in the west Northern mainland Scotland and the Northern Isles will be cloudy but mainly dry at first. It will be mild.

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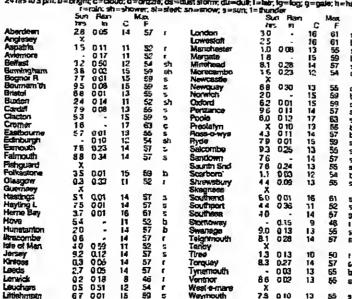
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Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: showers in the west. wet in the southeast. It will remain

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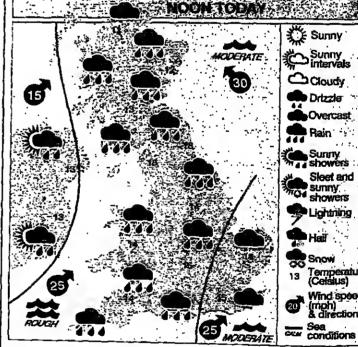


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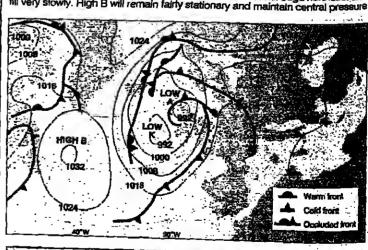
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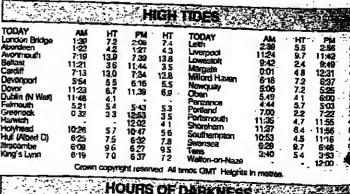
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Huge regulatory hurdles to be overcome before offer can be made for generator

Americans plan National Power bid

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

SOUTHERN Company, the US utility, yesterday appeared poised to reshape the electricity industry after confirming its intentions to take over National Power, Britain's largest electricity generator.

The move by the Atlanta company puts pressure on the Government, just as it is making its mind up on whether National Power and Power-Gen should be allowed to take over regional electricity

A full takeover by Southern of National Power could be worth up to £8 billion and is expected if the generators' bids for the regional electricity companies are cleared. Such a ratification would endorse the combination of generation and distribution in electricity and be crucial for Southern which already owns the UK regional company South Western Electricity (Sweb).

Southern is now believed to be talking with the Department of Trade and Industry and other authorities such as the Office of Electricity Regulation and the Office of Fair Trading. It will be seeking to persuade the Government to allow Tim Eggar, the Energy Minister, to relinquish the golden share it holds in the generators, which prohibits



Eggar: golden share

stakes of more than 15 per

The move by Southern first faces considerable regulatory hurdles and a whiplash of political and consumer concern. Labour called for a halt to the "ad hoc" restructuring of

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the industry and demanded a

quick decision on the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report into National Power's (UK) and PowerGen's bid for Midlands Electricity.

Some City sources and industry watchers believe that Southern is not interested in National Power alone but also in the



chance of moving on Southern Electric, for which the UK generator has bid. Although sources close to the US company reject that as the ultimate aim, the fit between National Power and Southern (UK) is better regarded than a link with Sweb, a stake in which Southern is looking to sell.

If the DTI throws out the generators' bids for the regional companies, thereby scuppering Southern of the US plans for vertical integration Southern could turn its attention to water, it is believed.

Some analysts in the City, which is divided over whether Southern will easily clear regulatory obstacles, believe the aggressive company is moving for the option on an all-out assault on the UK electricity industry and could want control over National Power, Southern (UK) and an interest in Sweb.

Southern rushed out a statement after midnight talks between Tom Boren, chief executive of its overseas division and John Baker, chair-man, and Keith Henry, chief executive of National Power. Its next step will come after the ruling by Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, on the generators' takeovers.

While a price still has to be negotiated, Mr Baker is already looking at a profit of nearly £900,000 on share options held. Mr Henry, who joined the company recently, does not have options disclosed in the annual report.

National Power was reluctant to comment yesterday beyond stressing that Southern could not move until after the DTI ruling. Southern said only that it

was interested in a combination of the businesses although a takeover is thought the only route. The DTI said a review of its golden share would be taken if there was a need to do so. It declined an assurance that it would hold on to the share which is timeless.



Tom Boren, Southern's overseas chief executive, met National Power chiefs at midnight



John Baker, left, who is looking at £900,000 in share options, with Keith Henry

A tough company from the South

FROM RICHARD THOMSON

SOUTHERN of Atlanta, Georgia, is one of the largest and most aggressive of the US utilities. Its markets stretch far across the American South. It is the parent of five electricity concerns and involved in cable and telecom joint ventures and

nuclear power. In 1991, it sacked Jeffrey Hamburg as head of Southern Electric International, its overseas subsidiary, for "alleged unethical business practices" connected with an SEI bid for a Portuguese power plant. Mr Hamburg sued for \$20 million for defamation, arguing that he was a scapegoat in the company's attempt to prove that it was whiter than white.

When it sacked Mr Hamburg the company said that it was anxious to maintain a clean record in business practices. This was hardly surprising since in the late 1980s it had been charged with several ethical and tax violations that had attracted the scrutiny of the taxmen and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

It is natural that the ambitions of such a large company should turn to foreign markets, particularly at a time when tight regulation at home is making it harder to earn the kind of profits to which Southern is used. It was typical Southern's aggression that it was the first US company to buy a British utility, leading the way to a spate of bids by other American companies.

Its ownership of South West-ern Electricity (Sweb) has also encountered controversy via Swebgas's aggressive marketing campaign in the run-up to competition in the domestic gas market in the South West. The campaign drew a large num-ber of complaints and Swebgas was forced to withdraw its doorstep sales drive.

Southern applied to the SEC last year for exemption from a rule that prevents American utilities from earning over 50 per cent of their profits from overseas. Last year, its earnings topped \$1 billion, with revenues of more than \$7 billion.

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The Peter Robinson affair is likely to dominate today's annual meeting of the Woolwich Building Society. Mr Robinson said the former chief executive would not attend. The issues to be raised include the external report now being prepared by KPMG, the accountant, and Linklaters & Paines, the solicitor, on the circumstances of Mr Robinson's departure. One Woolwich member will, however, miss a wedding to attend the meeting. Page 27, Diary 29

Sea Empress

The environmental and economic costs of the Sea Empress disaster on the coast near Milford Haven two months ago could be as high as £64 million, according to estimates provided by the oil industry.

Unemployment figures falling 'steadily' at 10,000 a month

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government maintained that unemployment is falling at a steady rate of about 10,000 a month after a surprise rise in joblessness announced last month was followed yesterday by a larger-than-expected fall of 25.700 in the number of people out of work and claiming benefit. But in spite of the better news

on jobs. Whitehall and the City were concerned about a rise in average earnings growth - the first for eight months. Last month's increase in claimant unemployment was also revised downwards yes-

terday, from 6,800 to 5,500. Gillian Shephard, the Employment and Education Secretary, said that the two months figures were consistent with the assessment by the Office for National Statistics of a downward trend of about 10,000 a month. "Britain has now entered its fourth successive year of steady growth in jobs and falling uoemployment," she said. Average earnings rose after

seven months of flat growth of 3.25 per cent. Revisions to the figures mean that lor the last month or two, earnings in manufacturing and service industries are now seen as rising at a rate of 3.5 per cent — the rate at which earnings across the economy are now in-

Some City analysts suggested that the upturn in average earnings growth could be the start of a continuing trend because the rise — albeit a gentle one — in pay settlements has not yet fed through into earnings growth. Yesterday's fall in the unem-

ployed count -- the 35th in 39 months — takes unemploy-ment to its lowest level since April 1991. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate fell from 7.9 to 7.8 per cent of the workforce, its lowest level since May 1991.

Whitehall officials suggested that the ending of industrial action by civil servants, the continuing impact of invalid-ity benefit and a five-week month all had an impact on the size of the fall. Unadjusted unemployment in March fell

Shadow Employment Secretary, attacked the Government over the fall, saying: "Government ministers may make much of any fall in the unemployment figures, just as they try to ignore any rise. Of course, the movement in the official figures is now too

Don Foster, Liberal Democrat employment spokesman, said the figures showed that Britain's economy remains in a fragile and lacklustre state". New manufacturing jobs

employment.

PIA aims to hasten mis-selling review

By ROBERT MILLER

THE City watchdog responsible for overseeing the £4 billion personal pensions mis-selling review has given warning of a "serious" disciplinary crackdown on firms failing to make "sufficiently rapid progress".

The warning from the Per-

sonal investment Authority,

which polices firms selling direct to the public, coincided with details of the first compensation payments to be made for mis-selling personal pensions announced by the Investors Compensation Scheme. Of seven firms "declared in default" by the ICS, a mechanism to trigger compensation payments, Du Bara Investments and Individual Savings & Insurance Services are understood to involve more than 1,000 transfer cases. This is where investors were advised to leave generous occupational schemes for a private plan.

In the case of Du Bara, it is understood that dozens of former miners, who had been made redundant by their colliery in Nantgarw, Mid Glamorgan, were approached to leave the Mineworkers Pension Scheme in 1989.

The PIA said that, to date, about a million cases of misselling had been identified, of which 392,000 were in the priority category. So far, compensation has been offered in 7,000 cases and £6.7 million has been paid out.



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Further rate cut unlikely By JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT Monetary Fund which said KENNETH CLARKE, the had begun to accelerate. that it saw little room, if any

Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, agreed to cut rates at their monetary meeting last month, but both said they stand ready to raise rates again if necessary. statements, con-

tained in the minutes of the March 7 meeting published yesterday, convinced the money markets that no more cuts in base rates can now be expected. Sterling futures had priced in another 4-point cut, but moved sharply away from that view yesterday.

The minutes coincided with the latest economic outlook from the International at all, for further cuts in UK interest rates. This is in spite of predicting growth this year of only 2.2 per cent, well below the Treasury's predic-

Penningtoa :

In yesterday's minutes, Mr George recommended a 4point cut to 6 per cent at the March meeting but said rates may have to be raised at some point further ahead if monetary growth did not moderate and if there was

clearer evidence that growth Mr Clarke was neutral. Although he said that he stood ready to put rates up later this year if necessary, he said his position remained "that he would continue to be ready to move rates in either direction as the evidence justified".

The markets interpreted the remarks, along with recent data on the economy suggesting a genuine pickup in consumer demand, as calling the end of lower rates in this economic cycle. The markets are now looking for base rates of about 7.25 per

72,167 to 2,330,799. Michael Meacher, Labour's

> erratic to draw any firm conclusions."

figures showed rising employment, and separate statistics from the Government's quarterly Labour Force Survey for the three months to February showed a 94,000 fall in unemployment and a 118,000 rise in

IMF says slowdown poses threat to EMU

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE International Monetary Fund yesterday expressed concern that the economic slowdown in Europe is compromising the ability of Germany. France and others to meet the criteria for monetary union in 1999.

In its semi-annual World Economic Outlook, the fund revised down its forecast for world growth this year to 3.8 per cent from the 4.1 per cent it had expected in October, a move that largely reflected disappointing developments

in the European economies.

The fund said that there is room for further reductions in interest rates in Europe to boost growth and counterbalance the dampening effect on economic growth of budget deficit cutting programmes. designed to meet the Maas-tricht treaty's fiscal criteria for

entry into monetary union.
It said that the fiscal targets are still feasible provided economic growth picks up as it expects. The fund is projecting that world growth will recover

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Austria Sch	17.03	1.86
Belgium Fr	49.79	1S.53
Canada S	2,157	4S.49
Cyprus Cyp£	0.750	1.997 0.695
Denmark Nr	9.41	8.81
Finland Mkk	7.73	7.08
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Greece Dr	387.00	362.00
Hong Kong S	12.31	11.37
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
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Italy Lira	2481.00	2326.00
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Malta	0.591	0.536
Netherlds Gld	2.699	2.469
New Zealand S	2.36	2.14
Norway Kr	10.42	9.62
Portugal Esc	245.00	226.50
S Africa Rd	6.86	8.06
Spain Pta	197.00	184.00
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lo 4.3 per cent in 1997. Germany, expected to grow by just I per cenl this year, should see growth of 2.9 per cent in 1997 while French growth should accelerate from 1.3 per cent this year to 2.8 per cent

But the fund said that it will not be easy to hit the Maastricht targets and that there could be more turbulence

ahead for the French franc.
"Qualification by a suffi-ciently large number of countries is by no means assured," it said, suggesting that the preted liberally to ensure that monetary union goes ahead on schedule.

It suggested, for example, that governments should focus on the structural component of their deficits rather than actual deficits which have been swelled by extra social security and unemploy-ment benefit payments because of conomic slow-

The Errinean growth prob-lem specifically relates to those countries whose currencies shadow the mark closely. Countries outside the exchange-rate mechanism have outperformed those inside it. Britain and Italy being prime examples. It suggested that there was scope for some appreciation in both sterling and the lira.

The fund predicted steady American growth, forecasting 1.8 per cent growth this year and 2.2 per cent in 1997. But it said that there was a significant risk to the US recovery if President Clinton and Congress fail to reach agreement on balancing the US budget.

The IMF was also positive about Japan, with growth of 2.7 per cent predicted for this year and 3.1 per cent next year. This compares with only 0.9 per cent in 1995. The fund applauded the sharp fall in the yen after the record levels seen



Lord Tugendbat said the home loans market showed signs of only a moderate pick-up

Abbey chief cautious on housing market

By ROBERT MILLER

LORD Tugendhat, chairman of Abbey National, yesterday cautioned against an overoptimistic view on prospects for the UK housing market

He told the bank's annual meeting that while the level of mortgage applications re-ceived had been "encouraging" the home loans market as a whole still only showed signs of a "moderate pick-up".

Lord Tugendhat, whose salary rose to £263,762 last year against £242,393 in 1994, said that the Abbey National Bank. Account continued to perform well, with an average of more than 10,000 oew accounts being opened every month. Abbey National has also issued 30,000 of its new Visa credit cards since the February launch.

Lord Tugendhat said that the two major fiscal mile-stones in 1995 were a pre-tax profit of more than £1 billion and the rise in assets to top £100 billion. The 2.4 million shareholders, who can expect a dividend payout of 21.75p per share for the full year. have seen the value of 100 free shares handed out at the time of the former building soci-ety's stock market cooversion in July 1989 more than quadruple, Lord Tugendhat said.

Voting on the proposed takeover of the National & Provincial Building Society last week attracted an impressive turnout, with 83 per cent of eligible savers and 71 per cent of borrowers voting in

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Lloyd's application to postpone lost

LLOYD'S of London yesterday lost its application to postpone a crucial High Court action on the grounds that a delay would not disadvantage the market's attempt to settle with its litigating names. The case centred on whether Lloyd's has the right to seize directly any court awards made in successful litigants. That is rather than names receiving the compensation awards and deploying the funds as they see in Thousands of litigating names have already won damages from a string of High Court actions.

from a string of High Court actions. However, the funds are being held in escrow until the outcome of Lloyd's £2.8 billion-plus settlement offer is known. In an attempt to capture the money directly. Lloyd's amended names' premium trust deeds and it is the legality of this change that is being tested.

Designs on a quote

DONNA KARAN is joining other fashion designers who have launched shares on the stock market recently, taking advantage of the boom in luxury goods. The New York designer plans a global share offering worth about \$230 million in the early summer. This is the second attempt. The original offer in August 1993 was pulled after the retailing downtrum. Donna Karan had sales of \$510 million last year, Morgan Stanely and Bear Stearns are lead managers.

Havelock Europa ahead

HAVELOCK EUROPA, the maker of bank and shop interiors, saw profits rise 32 per cent to E5.3 million before tax. Bank of Scotland was its main customer as it replaced 1980s-style buildproof glass counters with open-plan, carpeted suites in 56 branches. Deals with Lloyds TSB and the Co-operative Bank. almost quadrupled Havelock's banking sector, providing 44 percent of turnover. The total dividend rises to 3.6p a share from 3p, with a 2.4p final. Earnings were 13.5p a share (11.2p).

TeleWest to take on 1,000

TELEWEST COMMUNICATIONS, the largest cable company, plans to add about 1,000 employees this year, raising its workforce to 5,000, as it expands its network. Most of the jobs will be created in engineering and installation, customer services and sales and marketing. Separately, Nynex CableComms, the industry's second-largest player, said it had raised its cable TV and cable telephony penetration rates in the quarter to March 31 Total revenues rose 92 per cent to £32.5 million.

LDV accelerates

LDV, the van manufacturer, launched out of the collapsed-Leyland DAF group, said pre-tax profits for 1995 rose £5 mil-lion to £23.2 million after a 43 per cent increase in turnover. Vehicle sales rose 21 per cent to more than 15,000 last years? With exports starting to have an increasingly beneficial? impact on the company's trading performance, according to Allan Amey, the chief executive. LDV has created 500 new jobs and doubled output over the past three years.

New look AT&T results

AT&T, reporting results for the first time since it announced an important restructuring, lifted first-quarter profits 14 per cent to \$1.4 billion. The results omit subsidiaries it plans to sell or demerge. The earnings, equal to 90 cents a share, came on revenue of \$12.9 billion. A year earlier, the comparable units of AT&T earned profits of \$1.3 billion, or \$0 cents a share, on revenue of \$12.4 billion. With the other units included, AT&T earned \$1.362 billion (\$1.198 billion), or 85 (76) cents a share.

Small firms more optimistic

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S small businesses are showing signs of economic recovery, and their support for the Conservatives is growing, according to new survey evi-

Ministers will be pleased by the findings of the latest survey from Kingston University's Small Business Research Centre, one of the principal small business study centres in Britain, suggesting increased optimism and performance by small companies.

The Government and Labour have both been targeting the small business vote with a range of policy initiatives, and the latest Kingston study is the first measure of small companies' voting intentions since the two main political parties intensified their campaigns in advance of the forthcoming

general election. Previous surveys by Kingston have shown that, while the Conservatives are the most popular party, small business

narrowing But the latest Kingston survey for Office World, the stationery supply company, shows improved support for

support for the Tories is about

half the level it was in the early

1980s and that the gap be-

tween the parties has been

the Conservatives - up from 27.5 per cent last November to almost 32 per cent now. Labour's support is steady at

26.5 per cent, while the Liberal Democrats have slipped from 14.9 to 13.7, per cent. Almost 30 per cent of small business owners refuse to give any voting commitment.

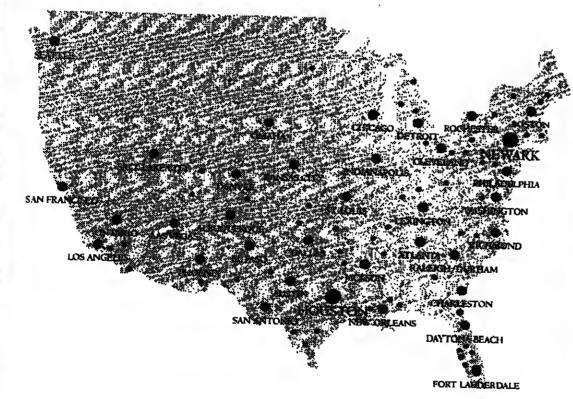
However, small firms are

feeling more confident. Their optimism about the economy has leapt from 39 per cent in November to 50 per cent in what the study says is the first sign of an improving feel-good factor since the summer of 1994. Small firms are also more optimistic about taking on new employees.

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up was beyond stopping. So the situation now throws up

several embarrassing anomalies. As this column pointed out only yesterday. Southern as an American is rather better placed to take control of the country's history.

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☐ DTI must act on power mergers ☐ City goes sour on rate cuts ☐ The great ostrich disaster

Electric shock treatment

about Southern creating the most serious political problem yet for the Government from the round of utilities bids. For this was the company which, in a serious misjudgment, was first serious misjudgment, was first allowed into the sheep pen.

The Americans launched the first successful bid for a British British bidder will almost in-evitably be operating in a similar regional electricity company in July. That bid should have been blocked to allow a thorough inquiry into the carve-up of British utilities that was clearly inevitable. It was not register. industry, so the interests of

compection policy require a reference to the MMC. The second embarrassment is that a Southern bid could be inevitable. It was not, mainly because no one in authority could think of a good reason.

The bid opened the gates for all the others, each more suspect politically. The defining regreat referred or blocked entirely on public interest grounds - had the Government, not once but twice, tacilly accepted such a move. In 1991, ahead of privatisation, PowerGen's directors were cutting up nasty; they were threatened with purchase by Hanson, an Anglo-American pointcally. The defining moment was when the first approach by a generator for a regional company, the Scottish Power assault on Manweb, was waved through. By the time the DTI had got up the nerve to put a couple to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, the carve-up was beyond stopping. combine. Earlier this year British Energy were doing likewise; enter Duke, a Texan utility, as possible buyer and with min-isters' blessing. So there is no logical reason to block any bid, should it emerge

and should Southern, as it has promised, ration itself to the regional company already in the bag. South Western. How the DTI must wish there was. It is probably as well that the Engage probably as well that the Energy Minister there, Tim Eggar, is not standing for re-election next time. But the sight of US megautilities rampaging through the electricity industry sacking

people as they go will not play well in marginal constituencies. The timing of any Southern bid for National Power is going to be tricky, as the two gen-erators own approaches on Mid-lands and Southern of the UK

are still tentative. As the whole world knows what line the MMC has taken, a swift DTI decision is essential. This would allow firm bids 10 be made and agreed, and Southern of the US to make its move. Shareholders in National Power and Southern UK could then reach what decisions they choose. There is quite enough uncertainty in the markets already.

Turning point for the markets

THE latest batch of economic figures may come to be regarded as something of a turning point, for yesterday the financial markets finally gave up hope of another cut in interest raies in this economic cycle.

The ingredients in this change of heart included another healthy drop in headline unPENNINGTON



employment, but monthly fig-ures are bouncing around wildly ures are bouncing around wildly at the moment and it is hard to establish a firm trend. Then there was the long-awaited nudge up in average earnings growth from the 3.25 per cent which has prevailed since last April to 3.5 per cent.

Earnings growth has returned to the rate seen last June and is still below those prevailing in late 1994 and early 1995. But the 3.25 per cent figure has been an

3.25 per cent figure has been an increasingly cherished talisman for Britain's inflation optimists, who saw it as an indication that the lid was firmly on, so some kind of spell may have been broken by yesterday's numbers. There was the assertion in the minutes of the March 7 monetary meeting by both Ken Clarke and Eddie George that, although they were cutting rates now, they stood by to raise them again if necessary. This is no more than a statement of the obvious, in the same way that a prospectus warns shareholders that prices

warns shareholders that prices go down as well as up.

The stock and gilts markets were reacting therefore, in their usual kneejerk way, to the mere mention of higher rates — even if no betting man in the City expects higher rates ahead of an election. The closer that date gets, the harder it will be for the Chancellor to oghten money without sending his party into paroxysms. No politician behind in the polls wants their man to in the polls wants their man to don the economic hair shirt. What, then, of the view, wide-

spread in the City until yes-terday, that one more rate cut was in the bag? It may still be that current manufacturing doldrums may reverse the favour-able trends in employment and justify another cut. But if the economy carries on growing, after a fashion at least, there seems little mileage left in the belief, given that warfare in the

building society industry is delivering low mortgage rates without the need for a move from the Chancellor.

Investors who stick heads in the sand

PROFESSOR Jim Gower, architect of the Financial Services Act, summed it up. The object of the Act, he said, was not to prevent fools losing their money, but to prevent reasonable people being made fools of.

This is one reason why ostriches do not rate a menoon in the FSA. Another is that a decade ago no one could envisage investing in them, any more than in a collection of classic cars or any of the other off-the-wall ideas that have parted investors from their money since then.

It is possible to feel real sympathy for those who have put up to £75,000. in some cases their life savings, into the Ostrich Farming Corporation, now the subject, amid great bitterness, of a winding-up order by the DTI. It is not possible to understand such foolishness. Investment

spans a vast spectrum from the downright idiotic at one extreme, Nigerian scam letters and their like, to legitimate bonds and shares at the other, and the rewards that are claimed always reflect the degree of risk.

At various points along this spectrum, but all clearly at the riskier and more rewarding end, have been classic cars, timeshare apartments, BCCI and Barlow Clowes, even a weekly flutter on the National Lottery. Ostriches too were situated at the speculative end of that spectrum, and comments in the financial press comments in the financial press

reflected this high risk. The recriminations that have followed the collapse of the Ostrich Farming Corporation, as investors attempt to identify and take possession of the birds they thought they owned, do not change these simple rules of investment. Nor, one suspects, do they prevent the whole sorry story being repeated again and again elsewhere.

The next bet

☐ SPEAKING of the naive hopes of some investors, a caller to this office yesterday had this simple inquiry. Did we know which building societies were still independent — and which would be the next to be taken over? No, but if you ever find out, do let us know.



Open to offers: Signet, headed by James McAdam, is considering bids for H Samuel and Ernest Jones

Signet results could end

By Paul Durman

THE rebel shareholders in There seems to be enough for

leads a concert party that controls 24.1 per cent of Signet's voting rights, said the two UK jewellery chains should very easily command a price of £300 million when they are sold in the next few weeks.

ence shareholders the £510 million he says they are owed.

The group made annual pre-tax profits of £25 million, a

back to £308.2 million. Signet has refurbished nearly all of the 167 Ernest Jones shops. and these are showing a 24 per cent improvement in like-forlike sales in the first ten weeks

of this year. The total United Kingdom market is showing a 7 per cent increase, while the 433-store H Samuel is only I per cent ahead. Signet will shortly start introducing a new shop design

to H Samuel.
In the United States, Sterling increased its profits by 39 per cent to £45.9 million, with margins climbing back above

which includes nine classes of shares. It owes £135 million on its preference shares and is

unable to pay dividends.

Walker Boyd, finance director, said the £90 million of ordinary shares represent only a quarter of the full

Improved United Kingdom profits of £18.1 million (£11.4 million) showed the benefit of

raider admits defeat BENNETT LEBOW, the corporate raider, has con-ceeded defeat in his battle to force RJR Nabisco to spin off its tobacco business from its food side (Richard Thomsoo writes from New York). His unexpected capitulation means that his strategy

RJR Nabisco

of settling tobacco-related law suits at Liggett, his own company, which caused uproar in the tobacco industry. has failed. His aim was to persuade RJR to follow suit. The settlement, the first of

its kind, backfired because it opened the floodgates to cases against other companies, which caused tobacco share prices to plummet and angered RJR investors.

Bell Atlantic and Nynex close to \$22bn merger

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

BELL ATLANTIC and Nynex are expected to announce a \$22 billion merger in the next few days, creating the second link-up between two US regional telephone companies since the deregulation of the telecoms industry.
Insiders say that the two companies, which dominate

the east coast market in local telephone traffic and have been in intermittent talks for months, are close to agreeing a price at which Bell Atlantic would use stock to buy Nynex. It would be one of the largest deals in US coporate history, catapulting the merged company into second place in the industry behind AT&T.

Bell Atlantic-Nynex would have more than 36 million customers, \$3 billion in earnings and more than \$27 billion in annual revenues. As well as consoldiating their hold on the east coast to fight off competition from the long-distance companies, Bell Atlantic and Nynex would be in a stronger postion to break into the longdistance market after merging. The proposed merger is

further evidence of the intense pace of consolidation within the US telecoms industry after new rules that allow the socalled 'Baby Bells', which control local phone traffic, and the long-distance operators such as AT&T and Sprint to pene-

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the finest watch in the world. The reason is very simple. It is made differently. It is made using skills and techniques that others have lost or forgotten. It is made with attention to detail very few people would

trate each other's markets. A month ago there were seven 'Baby Bells', but after the latest merger there will be only five. Analysts expect further mergers in the near future.

Previous talks between Nynex and Bell Atlantic foundered on the question of price, but analysis believe Nynex may now have accepted a deal at around its curreot share price of \$51. This already has a substantial bid premium fac-tored into it, which is similar to the premium SBC is paying for PacTel. Atlantic Bell has resisted Nynex's demands for a higher premium on the grounds that there are no other bidders for Nynex.

long-term financial crisis

Signet Group, the jeweller that owns H Samuel and Ernest Jones, believe yesterday's good results offer the company a chance to put an end to its long-running financial crisis. Julian Treger of the UK Active Value Fund, which

Mr Treger said this should allow Signet to repay prefer-

everyone to go round," he Signet, headed by James

McAdam, is considering of-fers for H Samuel and Ernest Jones, from bidders including rival jewellers Goldsmiths and Argos. Mr McAdam said Signet was under no pressure to sell and would only do so if it could realise the "strategic worth" of the 600 stores.

74 per cent improvement. Op-erating profits rose 30 per cent to £63.9 million, but Signet was burdened by £38.9 million of interest payments, on its debt, which it has trimmed

market value of the company.

the sale of the loss-making salisburys travel goods chain. Signet said that the underlying profits of the United Kingdom jewellery business also rose, by 15 per cent to £27.2 million, in spite of a 1.5 per cent fall in sales for

8 per cent. Signet is anxious to simplify per cent fall in sales. Its its complex capital structure margins rose to 8 per cent. Lloyds TSB waits on New Zealand bid BY ROBERT MILLER LLOYDS TSB Group is exwhich is 75 per cent owned by

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

drop in earnings

IBM suffers \$500m

IBM, the world's biggest com-puter manufacturer, suffered a \$500 million drop in nel earnings in the first-quarter of this year because of sluggish markets and delays in switching to its new mainframe computers. Although revenues climbed from \$15.7 billion to \$16.5 billion, net earnings fell to \$774 millioo. "We turned in a good but uneven performance," said Lou Gerstner, the chairman and chief executive. He said that revenues grew in all geographic areas and shipments of Lotus Notes, which IBM purchased for more than \$3 billion last year, had more than trebled. "At the same time, though, our overall hard-

ware revenues and margins were disappointing," he said. This was mainly because of the transition to the company's new mini-mainframe computers. the System/390 and AS/400. Weak demand for personal computers in the US and continuing downward

the perception that IBM was successfully recreating itself after several disastrous years of falling profits and market share. Many computer companies have been hurt over the past few months by declining sales and tighter margins.

pected to learn today whether its bid to buy Trust Bank of New Zealand has been successful after a last minute counter-bid by Westpac of Trust Bank has been study-

ing the merits of the Westpac bid, understood to be a cash deal, against that of the longpressure on prices for many products eroded the company's profit margins.

The results did not damage standing offer from National Bank of New Zealand, a Lloyds subsidiary. It is be-lieved that the latter's bid is similar to that of the Lloyds acquisition of TSB which was, in effect, a reverse takeover paid for with shares instead of cash. Some analysts believe that a third party, ASB Bank,

the Commoowealth Bank of Australia, might also be still in with an outside chance.

Since the formal bidding for Trust Bank started some weeks ago the price tag has risen to about NZ\$1.5 billion or £676 million.

The final decision oo the preferred bidder rests with the nine community trusts that control nearly 80 per cent of Trust Bank.

Lloyds TSB said last night We never comment on market rumour." If the UK group is successful in its bid for Trust Bank it will become New Zealand's largest bank with assets of nearly NZ\$24 billion.



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notice. It is made, we have to admit, with a total disregard for time. If a particular Patek Philippe movement requires four years of continuous work to bring to absolute perfection. we will take four years. The result will be a watch that is unlike any other. A watch that conveys quality from first glance and first touch. A watch with a distinction: generation after generation it has been worn, loved and collected by those who are very difficult to please; those who will only accept the best. For the day that you take delivery of your Patek Philippe, you will have acquired the best. Your watch will be a masterpiece, quietly reflecting your own values. A watch that was made to

be treasured.

Robinson clouds Woolwich AGM

BY ANNE ASHWORTH AND ROBERT MILLER

THE Peter Robinson affair is likely to Mominate the agenda at today's annual meeting of the Woolwich Building Society. However, lawyers acting for the man at the centre of the controversy said the

former chief executive would not attend. The issues to be raised include the external report now being prepared by KPMG, the accountant, and Linklaters & Paines, the solicitor, on the circumstances of Mr Robinson's departure last month.
The society will not yet disclose contents

of the report to members, claiming it contains confidential information, which is likely to irritate the assembled members. Henry Clinton-Davis, of D J Freeman,

the law firm representing Mr Robinson, said only a limited amount of information concerning the allegations against his client had been handed over so far. Until the full report has been received and studied, Mr Clinton-Davis said no further comment would be made. Mr Robinson and his legal team are understood to have taken counsel's advice on compensation for loss of his £320,000 post.

The continuing uncertainty over Mr.

Robinson's successor has made the Woolwich a prime takeover target. Among those with a clear interest in acquiring the £3 billion society could be the Prudential, the Royal Bank of Scotland and the Halifax. However, Abbey National has said it will not bid. A European or Australian institution might also want to get involved. The Woolwich says no customer has, so far written or called to criticise the move to oust Mr Robinson. Head hunters compiling a shortlist to replace him are looking not only at building society executives but also those experi enced in running FT-SE 100 companies.



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Shares fall as hopes of rate cut are dashed

equities fell sharply on the London stock market as the prospects of another early cut in interest rates took a knock.

Investors were rattled by the latest fall in unemployment which was coupled with a rise in average earnings. To make matters worse, it emerged that Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England. had contemplated a rise in interest rates at their last monthly economic meeting.

An opening fall of more than 40 points in the Dow Jones industrial average set the seal on a gloomy day's trading and brought this week's record-breaking run by the FT-SE 100 index to a screeching halt. It finished 19.7

The falls would have been greater had it not been for the takeover spotlight falling on the electricity sector. Confir-mation that Southern, America's largest utility company. wants to make a bid for National Power, Britain's biggest power generator, produced a renewed flurry of speculative buying in the shares. By the close of business National Power had scared further 56'p to 578p. for a two-day lead of of 88p, with the partly paid adding 57p at 441p. A total of 24 million shares changed

City speculators are talking of a 700p bid, valuing the company at almost £8 billion. Any such bid would be dependent on the blessing of the Government, but National Power was playing down the situation yesterday, saying it had not received any bid approach and urging share-holders to sit tight. It is currently waiting to see if it receives the go-ahead for its own bid for Southern Electric after the original offer was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The MMC has since passed on its findings to the Department of Trade and Industry. Southern Electric fell 33p to \$52p. Southern Inc recently paid El.I billion for South West Electricity and earlier this week confirmed plans to sell off part of its stake. The proceeds would be used to finance a bid for National Power. South West Water, a further potential target of Southern, at one stage, fell I7p to 712p. It is already the target



348p. and Severn Trent. down

llp at 592p.
This latest move also livened up the other power generators with PowerGen jumping 29p to 599p, and the partly paid 26'2 p to 459p. Scottish Power also rose op to

374p, and Scottish Hydro 8p

as constituent of the FT-SE 250 mid-index after the takeover by Kvaerner.

There was little for shareholders of Reed International to cheer about as the price fell 24p to £11.86 after a gloomy trading update at the annual general meeting, lan Irvine, chairman, said the disposal of Speculative buying was the consumer publishing side good for Ladbroke, up 3p at would only have a small

Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, expects BT and Cable and Wireless to unveil details of their proposed merger sooner rather than later. It remains a bull of both companies but believes there is still plenty to go for in C&W where the next stop for the shares could be 575p.

191p. Kleinwort Benson, the broker, was reported to be picking up stock for a big

buyer in late trading.
Whithread advanced 10p to 734p as BZW switched its recommendation from a hold to a buy. It also had a knockon effect for Bass, up 8p at 779p. and Allied Domecq 3p

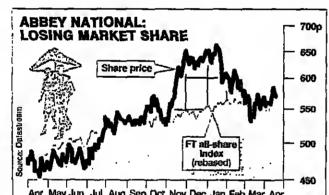
is to replace Trafalgar House

pects remained little changed. The Abbey National says it has seen the first signs of a pick-up in the depressed housing market. But Lord Tugendhat, chairman, took the edge off the good news by telling shareholders at the

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per cent in 1996. Abbey shares lost 9p to 57/p.

Any remaining hopes that Signet is poised to complete the proposed disposal of Ernest Jones and H Samuel jewelery chains were quickly dashed by James McAdam, chairman, who said the company would make an announcement in due course.

The group confirmed some time ago that it was looking for prospective buyers for the business which could raise upwards of £300 million. Pretax profits of £25 million, up from £8.1 million last time, were at the top end of forecasts. Signet shares firmed lp to 301 ap. Brokers gave a thumbs up

to half-year figures from Smiths Industries which came in above most of their forecasts. Pre-tax profits were up from £58.2 million to £69.5 million. The shares responded with a rise of IIp to 709p supported by news of a \$100 million US contract. Panmure Gordon, the broker, is looking for profits of £156 million for the full year followed by £175 million in 1997.

Boosey & Hawkes, the musical instruments manufacturer, continued to respond to better than expected trading news with a jump of 25p to 723p. On Tuesday, the group reported a jump in full-year pre-tax profits from £5.08 million to £6.16 million.

An encouraging statement on current trading at its annual meeting lifted Dixons Motor 40p to 257p. ☐ GILT-ÉDGED: A muted

response to the latest economic numbers and weaker German bunds left bond prices in London nursing sizeable losses on the day.

in the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt tumbled E58 to £105932. Among conventional issues. Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £12 lower at \$1014, while at the longer end. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 lost

£2132 at £96116. □ NEW YORK: Shares on Wall Street were down in morning trading, deepening their losses after comments by IBM sent a shiver through the Dow industrials. IBM, which forecast first-quarter earnings. said it expected a setback from currency translations in light of the stronger dollar. The Dow Jones industrial average at midday was down 36.13 points at 5.583.89.

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The cash cow market

its biggest customer, al-

though this is delaying deliv-

eries. Boeing is stepping up its aircraft production next

year. Smiths supplies about \$300,000 of equipment to

each 737 jet, and about \$600,000 worth for the wide-

bodied 777s. Individually.

these are small sums but

they add up to a useful boost

down yesterday by good employment figures and Kenneth Clarke. The Chancellor would dearly love to cut lending rates in time to create a "feel-good" momentum that might last until an autumn election. However, the justification for doing so will depend on signs of weak economic growth. The first-quarter GDP figure is due this month but yesterday's indicators give little reason for the Chancellor to meddle and few reasons for investors to chase the market further.

Tuesday's surge in the FT-SE 100 above 3,800 was prompted by new Pep money working its way into equities but also by bid speculation which continues to excite FT-SE stocks. However, investors speculating where the index may end the year need to consider institutional cash flows and the likely effect of

A JUBILANT equity market was slapped a change of government. Companies have been handing cash back to investors in the form of special dividends, buy-backs and takeovers. These have taken the overall cash yield on shares to about 7 per cent compared with a dividend yield of just over 4 per centa-However, there is little evidence of additional appetite for UK equities from institutions who are, instead, investing their money abroad in emerging markets.

A change of government could also alter the mood of corporate treasurers. A purist concern to return surpluses to shareholders might change if the tax regime begins to subsidise investment while takeovers will certainly be off the agenda. In such a world. the current market, driven by expectations of yet another shower of cash, looks a little

business is likely - includ-

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this financial year and £185 million in 1997. After yester

day's rise the shares are now

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record is, that leaves little

room for disappointment....

Smiths is on course to

Smiths Inds.

SMITHS INDUSTRIES could stake a claim to be the least-known company in the FT-SE 100 index, but it is also one of the best regarded. With few headline-catching deals or cash calls on shareholders. Sir Roger Hnrn has built Smiths into a £2.1 billion business. Despite a slump in the aerospace industry, he has consistently

reported results reassuringly ahead of City expectations. The decline in aerospace pushed Smiths to build up its medical and industrial businesses. These now make bigger contributions to profits than the aerospace arm. Medical systems in particular offer much better mar-

per cent. Smiths seems to be suffering minimal damage from the recent strike at Boeing,

gins — 21 per cent versus 10

to profits. More aerospace BETTER BOEING BUSINESS Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr

Prudential

PUBLIC cynicism towards financial products is giving way to both greed and anxiety about penury in old age. ration's

are still struggling to find takers, single premium products like the Prudence Bond enjoyed a big boost in the first quarter.

Special factors did help: the Pru has been heavily promoting its lump sum investment products and the insurer will seeking better returns as their deposits matured last month. The Pru's bond has killed off competitors but there are more profound and the huge budgets have

reasons why life insurers are expecting a better year.

A head of steam is building up in the savings market due to low interest rates and last year's excellent performance by equity markets. The prospect of bigger gains from shares is enough to mitigate the lingering suspicion of financial products and entice money away from savings accounts. Meanwhile, public anxiety is growing over longterm financial security in a world without state pensions. For life insurers, the next task is to lure consumers into long-term saving plans; a judicious mixture of fear and

Planet Hollywood

have done a brisk business PLANET Hollywood's public tures of the launch of one of the blockbuster movies from which the company draws inspiration. The frenzied excitement, the panoply of stars,

greed could just do the trick.

sent expectations and the offer price soaring.

With investors asked to pay 98 times last years earnings for shares, the company will be valued at \$1.9 billion. more than 10 times the cost of Kevin Costner's Waterworld. Selling burgers - even in Britain today — is easier than selling movies, one reason. why Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sylvester Stallone have put some spare cash in the

Planet Hollywood is just. coming into the black after huge set-up costs - some \$6 million per restaurant with the \$2 million launch costs written off in the first year. Profits are now coming through but investors should expect Planet Hollwood to enjoy a brief run. Competition is growing fast and themed restaurants have short lives - some reckon five years before expensive refurbishment is needed. This is no Casablanca.

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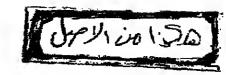
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A matter of priorities

HEARTLESS Michael Hardern, the chief build-ing society carpetbagger, is forgoing his father's wedding in Penzance to day to attend the Wool-wich Building Society's annual meeting. Instead of canapes with the con-gregation, the butler, who has served the Prince and Princess of Wales, will be running around the Queen Elizabeth 11 Conference Centre collecting members for conversion. Hardern says he's arranged to meet the newlyweds on their honeymoon in Bath on Friday, which ties in nicely with the Bristol & West's AGM that afternoon, adding "I've opened them an account with Birmingham Midshires the next building society to be taken over."

Big spender

SUGARED words from accountant KPMG that leave a sickly taste in the mouth. When Meltis, best known as the maker of New Berry Fruits, went into receivership, recovery expert Stephen James spouted: "Meltis is clearly a famous and evocative name - 1 know 1 gave my mother boxes of New Berry Fruits on special occa-sions in the past."

Brolly trolley

SWAINE, Adeney, Brigg, umbrella maker to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, is adopting downmarket ideas. The Mayfair firm that supplies the Queen's riding whips, paid £4,100 for a personalised car number plate this week. Chairman John de anied "WHIP I". but is happy to put "BROIIY", on the company's snail-shaped van that boasts its three Royal warit's marketing," he



"! want my nest-egg back"

JIM McADAM, chairman of Signet the jeweller, was none too happy to hear about the shenanigans on BBC's Business Breakfast yesterday morning. As Signet's results came up on TV screens, brunette presenter Sara Coburn launched into a lengthy speil about Ratners, then broke into giggles.

Back to school

IT IS back to the blackboard at Texaco, which signed a pioneering deal with City University Business School yesterday to provide extra staff tuition. Middle and senior management can do a one-day course to a postgraduate diploma in Management or a Flexible Masters

Still temping

EMBARRASSMENT for Brook Street, the UK's first temporary employment agency, which celebrated its 50th anniversary yesterday. Party preparations were going to plan. after a team had spent weeks tracking down Brook Street temps from the Fifties, Sixties, Seventies, Eighties and Nineties. Mock desks were set up at Claridge's Hotel for local radio and TV crews to interview the girls who helped to make history. But where was the shoulderpadded girl of the Eighties? - at a job elsewhere. double-booked by Brook

MORAG PRESTON

How Labour might try to transform the economy

It will be tempted to pursue policies designed to change the way business works, says

Anatole Kaletsky

he days are long gone when socialists believed that capitalism exists to expropriate the justly earned fruits of labour. But today's Labour Party has found new reasons to distrust British capitalism that have nothing to do with Karl Marx. It is an article of faith among Labour leaders that the poor performance of the British economy in the postwar era can be blamed largely on the culture of British business.

British businessmen and financiers are left to have failed the nation - by not investing, by failing to train their workers, by avoiding taxes, by lining their pockets with share options. by refusing to co-operate with government, and by concentrating on stock market prices instead of taking a longterm view. These defects, no longer attributed to capitalism in general, are now blamed on capitalism's specifically British form.

The righteous indignation about a business community that has helped itself but betrayed Britain is fully expounded in Will Hutton's bestselling book, The State We're In. No Labour leader would publicly (or even privately) go nearly as far as Mr Hutton. But the sense of frustration. tinged with anger, about the short-sighted attitudes of British business. breaks out regularly even in the speeches of Tony Blair and Gordon

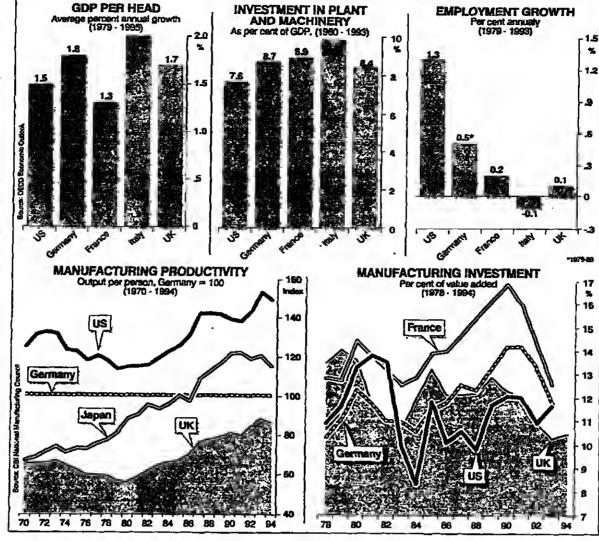
The British economy could clearly have done much better than it did in the 1980s. But there is little evidence that our underperformance was due to low investment, short-termism or the other items on Labour's charge-sheet (the charts illustrate a few of the relevant facts).

How, then could Britain's performance have been improved? I believe that the main answer lies in better demand management and exchange-rate policy; if the last recession had been avoided. Britain would have shot from near the bottom to the top of the European job-creation league. Labour, however, accepts the present day conventional wisdom: the key to faster growth is in "structural" policies on ture, tax and financial structures, corporate governance, "long-termism" and labour market reform.

To transform the British economy's performance it will therefore be tempted to pursue a host of policies designed to change the way British business and financial markets work. One article can hardly begin to discuss the many measures that Labour spokesmen have put forward (a remarkably comprehensive summary can be found in a 70page booklet called Doing Business With Blair by Burson-Marsteller Gov-

errument Affairs).
Instead, I will look at the four questions chosen by Adair Turner, Director-General of the CBI, in his major speech on Labour two months ago to focus businessmen's concerns. What business needed to know above all else, he said, was exactly where Labour stood on four broad issues: inflation, taxes, employment laws and corporate governance. Here, then, is

what can be said about Labour's plans. On inflation, the apparent lack of clarity is not really much of a problem. Mr Brown has not announced a formal inflation target, but, in practice, he will stick to something very similar to the present 2.5 per cent as 1 suggested in



IS THE BRITISH ECONOMY REALLY FAILING?

my article on Monday on Labour's macroeconomic policy. The real uncertainty is what the Chancellor will do if unexpected pressures push the economy off the targeted course. This question applies in principle to every government - and the lack of pragmatism the Treasury has shown in following various arbitrary targets over the past 17 years does not augur well, whether Labour or Tories are in

Surprisingly, however, Labour may have an easier time than expected in keeping inflation down. It would have an option that did not exist for past Labour governments and which for the Torics is effectively foreclosed. This would be to join the

European single currency. I have no idea whether Labor will and neither, I believe, does Mr Blair. But the very fact that this option exists on the horizon should help Labour to avoid the kind of currency crises that have so often undone Labour governments in the past. Indeed, the greater danger for Labour may well be a pound

that is too strong, rather than too weak. Now what about taxes? As I explained on Monday the top rate of tax will almost certainly be 50 per cent. However, the critical question of where the new tax will bite remains unsettled - and until this is announced, Labour can have little hope of winning the business commu-nity's trust, still less its active support. The other predictable tax measure is the windfall tax on the water and electricity industries, accompanied by a drastic tightening of the regulatory regime. Again, however, it is the level of the new tax that is all important and nobody seems to have any idea about this, including Mr Brown Other tax reforms are even more

uncertain. The good news for tovestors is that Mr Brown is "attracted" to reforming capital gains tax. Assets held for longer than, say, five years

could be taxed at only 20 per cent. If Mr Brown announced this change before the election he would go a long way to appeasing businessmen hit by the new 50 per cent rate. Indeed, my impression is that many would happily accept slightly higher income tax in exchange for some relief from the hated CGT. The bad news is that Labour is likely to tighten the inheritance tax

Potentially, the most important reform for companies, and certainly for their accountants, will be a study on

whether the corporation-tax system is biased in favour of dividends and against nvestment from retained earnings. Even more controversial could be Mr Brown's plan to combat tax avoidance by taking powers to "look behind the legal form of tax arrangements" and apply the spirit, rather than the letter, of the revenue laws. Both tax and constitutional lawyers can look forward to a

good living from that. Turning to labour markets, the outlines of policy are again quite clear, but the crucial details are missing. Labour will implement a national minimum wage, in spite of the opposition of most economists, as well as employers. But whether the NMW means anything or nothing will depend entirely on the level at which it is set. At the Spanish level of £1.80p an hour it would be an irrelevance: at the Belgian level of £5.70p, it would be a catastrophe, and the outcome could be anything in hetween.

The same could be true of Labour's allegiance to the social chapter. Mr Blair has said that he has "no intention of agreeing to everything that emerges from the EU. But he knows perfectly well that parts of the social chapter are subject to majority voting — and that other EU countries are pressing to extend majority voting to issues such as social security charges and worker representation. Would a Labour government block any such extension? Mr Blair has remained resolutely silent.

These issues arouse deep passions, but how much do they matter in the great scheme of things? To judge by the relative records of job creation in Britain and Europe, there is no convincing evidence that a small dollop of German-style regulation would have

much effect one way or the other. What, finally, about the broader idea of creating a "stakeholder economy" on the German model? Although certain changes in corporate governance are likely — particularly a tightening in the takeover laws - Mr Blair has become much cooler about the "stakeholder" concept since he delivered his famous

speech in Singapore. Perhaps he has been swayed by industry arguments that it is up to elected politicians, not company directors, to establish the social constraints on profit-maximising behaviour. Perhaps he has noticed that in Germany stakeholding behaviour seems to be going out of style. Or perhaps he has simply realised that Britain and Germany are different countries, with different political traditions, different business cultures and different skills.

British businesses may be less longtermist, but perhaps they are more opportunistic. British workers may be less disciplined, but more flexible. British managers may be less thorough, but more innovative.

In a world of free trade and global competition, countries can thrive by being different and specialising in what they do well. These are the arguments that business must urgently get across to Mr Blair.

Tomorrow: Europe, politics and the quality of life

The balance of power lies in the hands of Lang

Christine Buckley on the ramifications of yesterday's declaration by Southern

t is now clear, looking back on the tidal wave of bids that swept through the electricity industry last year, that the show had only just begun. After yesterday's declaration from Southern, the US utility, the industry is now staring at the prospect of consolidation on a massive scale. The move of Britain's largest generator into American hands, with potentially the amalgamation of Southern Electric, the UK regional company, would create a completely new ball game in the privatised electricity industry. And it would be one

referee properly. The prospect must weigh heavy on the mind of lan Lang. President of the Board of Trade, as he prepares his decision on bids by the two main UK generators for re-gional electricity companies (Recs) and thus the acceptability of vertical integration in the industry. If he ratifies vertical integration, Southern will make its move on Nat-

which the electricity regulator

would find impossible to

ional Power either with the buying Southern Electric too or combining supply and generation via South Western Electricity, which the US company

already owns. Mr Lang's time is short and the concern that the industry is fast careering away from the aims of privatisation is pressing. The industry was carved into

customers through competi- ulator, were echoed by retion to force down prices.

Certainly, the businesses are shadows of their former selves, with the industry having shed more than 43,000 jobs. But the proportion of those efficiencies passed to consumers rather than shareholders is slight. Profits have risen substantially while the price of electricity to the consumer, aided by a pricing control from the regulator which is widely held as lenient, has fallen modestly. Much criticism is directed at the largest generators' dominance of the electricity pool the wholesale market for power. While fuel prices have fallen considerably since 1990, the price of electricity has been slow to follow.

The framework for transformation sculpted six years ago was shattered last year when the golden shares held by the Government in Recs lapsed. Those nominal shares restricted holdings in — and thus takeovers of — the Recs. Their expiry after five years fuelled a bid frenzy that is still resonating and is reshaping the industry beyond

Over the past year, two patterns have emerged. The first - embraced by the water companies North West and Welsh — is for multi-utilities. We now have two, with other

various strategic tie-ups.

The second pattern is the more worrying one for regulation of the industry. Vertical integration - the merger of generating and distribution companies - began with ScottishPower's takeover of Manweb, the Rec based in

companies adopting the prin-

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the North-West, If Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) report leaks prove correct, it is about to continue, with National Power and PowerGen, the country's largest generators, being allowed to bid for Southern Electric and Midlands Electricity. The MMC is believed to have recommended the bids, with a range of provisions. The decision rests with the Department of Trade and

Industry (DTI). Of all the bids for the 12 Recs, and just three have not received approaches, the moves by the generators have caused the most consternation. It is arguable that ScottishPower, one of Scotland's two integrated companies which operate as a duopoly in

their market divorced from the rest of the UK, created a precedent of vertical integration with its takeover of Manweb. But when Power-Gen made its approach for Midlands and National Power moved on Southern, the fears of a reduction in competition

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pieces six years ago to benefit Littlechild, the electricity reg-

gional companies. Professor Littlechild called for a referral to the MMC of the ScottishPower bid, but his concerns were ignored. Further down the line, and with the greater influence on the market of the English generators, they were heeded. Critics complained that with competition in household electricity supply only two years away, the generators, aiready able to command huge sway over the electricity pool price, would jump out of bounds if they had their own Recs to which to supply power and through which to reach the domestic market.

The concerns triggered by the UK generators' bids can only be augmented by an overseas company bidding for a generator. The fact that that company owns a Rec with a strong gas division and is also believed to be interested in water presents a regulator's nightmare.
The Government still has a

golden share to restrict holdings in UK generators. Southern clearly does not believe that it is wedded to it and the DTI has said it would consider whether to exercise its power on individual merits.

Mr Lang may well move on to that difficult decision after the one he is about to make in

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18 April 1996

Speculative activity disrupting building societies' business operations

From the Chairman, The **Building Societies Association** Sir. The "flood of speculative money" coming in to building societies to which you refer (Mammon's stakeholders massacre the mutuals; April 15) shows no sign of ebbing. It has breached the gates of almost all societies - regardless of their size and notwithstanding the often repeated commitment to independence and mutual status by many of

This speculative activity has seriously disrupted the normal business operations of building societies and the ser-

vices they provide to bona fide investors and borrowers. It has overstretched counter resources at many branch offices - resulting in long queues and even in some instances closed doors - and overloaded processing sys-tems. The bizarre consequences of this activity is that the industry now has a significant proportion of "members" whose sole intention is to vote their societies out of existence,

given the chance. To stem the flood, some societies have set minimum investments for new savings accounts; others are now

opening only deposit accounts. ue both to outperform the Understandable though these banks in the savings and to the privilege of a select caste - of those able to afford it or fortunate enough to have got on to the members' register in time. This is completely at odds with the intentions of the 1986 Act and with societies' historic commitment to all savers and homeowners, whatever their means.

Building societies, like banks, are commercial organisations. With its capital advantage and low cost base, the industry can, however, contin-

throughout our report. In our

measures are, they reduce mortgage markets and to meet huilding society membership the challenges of a changed employment market and a retracting welfare state. But to do this we must have stable operating conditions and a framework which enables us to restructure as an industry. The need for re-addressing the provisions made for this by the 1986 Act grows stronger by the week.

Yours faithfully, K. CULLEY. Chairman, The Building Societies Association. 3 Savile Row, Wl.

Liability lecture

From Professor Andrew

Sir, It was with surprise that I read Robert Bruce's account (Audit, March 28) of my lecture at Deloitte & Touche on joint and several liability. My first reaction was that I must have attended a different gathering, as neither his account of the material I presented nor of the reactions of audience members, bore much resemblance to my recollection of what was a singularly goodhumoured and constructive

In line with the Common Law Team of the Law Com-

subject (published as a consultation paper by the DTI), my lecture set out numerous reasons of both principle and policy why, in our view, a replacement of joint and several liability by proportionate liability would not be approprizte. The subject is a complex one, and our report ran to 78 pages, with extensive discussion of developments in many other common law jurisdictions, the majority of which have chosen not to abandon joint and several

liability. It is a nonsense to suggest that we had no concern for whether the law is fair or not. ed nothing to ease the hability On the contrary, this was the mission's recent report on the central issue addressed

view, it is unfair to shift the risk of a defendant's insolvency from the other defendant(s) to the blameless plaintiff. And it is misleading to say, as is sometimes said, that defendants can be called on to provide 100 per cent of damages even though they are only ! per cent at fault": as a matter of causation and blameworthiness relative to the plaintiff, joint and several liability follows from each defendant being 100 per cent responsible for

the whole of the plaintiff's loss. Nor is Robert Bruce accurate to imply that we advocatproblems faced by accountants. For example, we provisionally suggested a reform of section 310 of the Companies Act 1985 which, allied with a clarification of the operation of the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977, would enable auditors reasonably to limit their liability by means of the contractural term (or a noncontractural disclaimer).

While we welcome constructive criticism of our arguments, Robert Bruce's comments do not, in my view, helo the cause of fair and sensible law reform. Yours sincerely ANDREW BURROWS.

Law Commission. Conquest House, 37/38 John Street, Theobalds Road, WCI.

Not quite crystal clear at NatWest

From D. M. Penton Sir, I have just received the NatWest Group's annual report, which proudly boasts that "We are very pleased that the sections marked (symbol of a crystal) on the list of contents have earned the Crystal Mark from the Plain English Campaign. This means that the wording has reached a standard of clarity that is appropriate for the intended audience".

Of the 30 items on the list of contents, the mark does not appear against the following: financial highlights, results of principal businesses, auditor's statement summary consolidated profit and loss account. summary consolidated balance sheet and notes to the summary financial statement.

Surely these are precisely the items on which the shareholder would wish to have an appropriate standard of clarity. Or is this just a subtle way of telling us to read these sections with caution? Yours faithfully.

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by fax on 0171-782 5112.

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NATIONAL & PROVINCIAL BUILDING SOCIETY PROPOSED TRANSFER OF BUSINESS TO ABBEY NATIONAL PLC RESULT OF MEMBERS' VOTE

National and Provincial Building Society hereby gives Notice to all members of the Society that the result of the vote on the Saving Members' Special Resolution and on the Borrowing Members' Resolution moved at the Special General Meeting of the members of the Society held at NYNEX arena Manchester on 11 April 1996 is as follows:

Saving Members' Special Resolution Votes in favour 843,226 Voices against Toral votes cast 876,620

Members qualified to vote 1,056,061 The votes cast in favour of the resolution represent 96.2% of the total votes cast compared with the 75% majority required, and 79.8% of the members qualified to vote, compared with the 50% required. The resolution has accordingly been passed.

Borrowing Members' Resolution Votes in favour Votes against 10.468 Total votes cast 243,669

The votes cast in favour of the resolution represent 95.7% of the total votes cast compared with the simple majority required. The resolution has accordingly been passed. Issued by Authority of the Directors R. Keith Mather



Secretary

Oil industry faces £64m payout and clean-up bill over Sea Empress

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

THE environmental and econamic cost of the Sea Empress disaster at Milford Haven two months ago could be as high as £64 million, according to the oil industry.

Clean-up expenses have been estimated at between EII million and £16 million, while the compensation paid to fisherinen and the tourist industry has been set at between £34 million and E48 million by the

cial year to the end of March.

it emerged yesterday. Provisions are likely to total Fro.30

million. The airline, which is

being revaled by the State

from near-bankruptcy, did not reveal net results, but said that

it expected to cut the net loss in

Under a three-year recovery plan, the airline had set a

target of reducing the net loss

for last year to Frl.2 hillion. In

1904-05 it incurred a net loss of

Fr3.7 billion. In the third year

of recovery, in 1996-97, it

planned to almost break even.

hist year were published in an

internal newsletter but were

not released to the press, Pro-

visions will cover redundancy

Gross operating profit last year exceeded 1994's Fr2.7 bil-

lion by about frt billion. The

company had set a target of Fr4 billion and the shortfall

reflected the effects of strikes

in France, which had cost the

In the current year, the

company expected to incur a

net loss of FrH5 million, which

would be slightly short of its

target, on total sales of Fr41.3

hillion and a gross operating profit of Fr5 hillion.

company Fr350 million.

payments for cabin crew.

The provisional figures for

1996-97 to FrH5 million.

Compensation Fund.

However, Skuld, the ship's Norwegian insurers, said its early guess at the cost of the spill was about £40 million. Under maritime insurance regulations, Skuld pays fur the first £8 million compensation and the IOPC picks up the next \$49 million.

The IOPC said yesterday it had decided to pay 75 per cent of its \$49 million fund to local people with proven claims.

The remaining £122 million will be held back in case claims are greater than originally calculated.

The IOPC wants to avoid similar problems to those experienced after the Braer tanker disaster in Shetland in 1993. There was a flurry of claims just before the end of the three-year submission deadline, and Skuld, which also insured the Braer, gave a warning that there might not be enough money to satisfy all

lion compensation fund available for victims of the Sea Empress disaster, after which the IOPC will meet proven

urged fishermen to submit clauns as early as possible. "We can make running payments of up to 75 per ceni of the funds available to fishermen who have been

banned from fishing in the

Mans Jacobsson, manag-ing director of the IOPC,

ven," he said. "Many will be unable to make a final claim because they do not know how long the ban will stay in place. but their situation will be regularly reviewed."
The IOPC, which meets

again in June, says it will not know until July and August whether the oil spill has had a serious effect on the region's tourism industry.

We have only anecdotal evidence for the tourist trade

"Some reports have said most people came only on day-trips. while others in the industry say trade was better than they had expected."

Mr Thorp said payments to claimants would be assessed "on an individual basis". He added: "We will pay out up to 75 per cent of our funds, but if a claimant can demonstrate that they require more than that, we will look at the possibility of increasing the payment.

Profits fall 58% as Ford gets off to a slow start

FROM AP IN DEARBORN

PROFITS at Ford Motor Company fell 58 per cent in the first quarter on slower vehicle sales and high costs of introducing redesigned models.

America's second-largest motor manufacturer earned \$653 million in the first three months of the year, compared to \$1.55 billion in the same period last year.

Revenues were up 4 per cent to \$36.3 billion, partly because of a strong showing by Ford's financial services operation.

On Tuesday, Chrysler Corporation reported that profits had more than doubled in the first quarter on strong sales of high-profit minivans and light

While Ford's profits were down sharply, they exceeded the 33 cents per share that Wall Street analysts expected. Alex Trotman, Ford's chairman and chief executive, said the company's cost-curing efforts will soon begin to pay off. He also said that redesigned models such as the Fiesta and F-Series pickup truck leave the company with

a stronger product line. Ford's total worldwide vehicle sales fell 7.5 per cent to 1.6 million units, and its US sales declined 13.5 per cent to 940.000. The company's mar-ket share in the US declined to 25.8 per cent from 26.6 per cent

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Receivers to Meltis make 190 redundant

RECEIVERS to Meltis, the ailing confectionery company, have announced 190 redundancies, leaving just 20 staff staff. employed at the Bedford factory. The latest job losses are at addition to the 100 redundancies announced before the appointment of receivers on Tuesday.

Stephen James, of KPMG, the administrative received said: "I am optimistic that the brand name of Meltis will rate." disappear. I have already had several inquiries from interested parties. However, the company itself is unlikely to survive. The redundancies were announced after an evening of meetings with management to establish the firms financial position. About 100 employees were already and redundancy nonce prior to the appointment of receivers Meltis, whose sales were EI5 million in its last financial year. is owned by Pengkalen (UK), a South-East Asian conglomer ale. The company makes the New Berry Fruits selections ginger, orange and lemon slices, and Turkish delight.

France buys bank stake

THE French state is to take over a total holding of 21.93 per-cent, owned by the Thomson electronics group, in the troubled Credit Lyonnais bank, it was announced yesterday. The price will be about Fr3.34 billion. The transfer as-expected to take place when Thomson is privatised and is likely to be completed by the end of this year. Thomson plans to make a total provision of Fr2.08 billion against a fall in the value of Credit Lyonnais shares and investment certificates.
The near collapse and recapitalisation of Credit Lyonnais have burt the results of Thomson in the past two years.

Sharpe & Fisher deals

SHARPE & FISHER, the building supplies company based in Cheltenham, is acquiring Goodlands, a builders. merchani with hranches in Willishire. Somerset and Devon. for £2.87 million in cash and shares, Goodlands earned-operating profits of £313,000 on sales of £11.9 million last year. Net assets were £78.000 at December 31, 1995. The acquisition lifts the total number of Sharpe & Fisher branches to 32 William Otley, the chairman of Goodlands and a former finance director of UBM, the builder's merchant, will join the board of Sharpe & Fisher.

Kwik-Fit expands

KWIK-FIT has added another 45 outlets by buying three tyre and exhaust companies for £12.3 million. Autospeed Tyre & Exhaust Centres, Bristol, Ebley Tyre Services, Gloucester and the assets and business of Manor Tyre Group. Bristol. have combined annual turnmer of \$20 million and earned profits of £1.2 million before tax and directors' salaries in the last financial year. The consideration was met by E7.1 million cash and £5.2 million in unsecured loan notes. The purchases lift the number of Kwik-Fit outlets to 836.

Dowty wins US order

DOWTY AEROSPACE, a division of TI Group, the specialised engineering company, has won a \$10 million contract from Mesaba Airlines, the US regional carrier, to supply propeller systems for 50 Saab 340 aircraft. The order covers 50 new 340B Plus aircraft and 20 used 340As. Mesaba has an option on a further 22 aircraft. With more than 250 Saab 340 aircraft in service with Dowty propellers, the value of Down's contribution to the 340 programme to date is more than \$70 million.

Air France incurs loss of £156m FROM AFP IN PARIS AIR FRANCE, the state owned airline, incurred a loss before provisions of Fr1.2 billion (£150 million) in the finan-

Hyperspace: the price of Planet Hollywood is expected to rocket when the shares are offered tomorrow

Planet Hollywood into orbit

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

PLANET HOLLYWOOD. the restaurant chain that boasts leading film stars among its investors, has responded to feverish investor demand by sharply lifting the price range for this week's share offering

They will be priced today at

about \$tS each, \$4 more than expected. The rise values the 22-restaurant chain, which includes one in London, at \$1.9 billion. 95 times earnings based on its 1995 profits of \$20.7 million. Last year was the first in which the company has been in the black since it

was founded in 1992. The rating reflects the nearhysteria surrounding the is-

sue of 11.6 per cent of the shares. However, the excitement has fed on itself, with many buyers simply hoping to make a quick killing on the expected price rise when the shares start trading tomorrow before selling out.

The issue will value the stakes held by the co-founders at about \$300 million each. One of the founders is Robert

Earl, the British entrepreneur who founded the Hard Rock Café but was forced out in 1992. Hollywood stars, such as Arnold Schwarzenegger. Svivester Stallone, Bruce Willis and Demi Moore who have lent their names to the restaurant, stand to gain up to \$20 million each.

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arbitrarily, that some stan-

dards would apply totally and

the others not at all, the

working party has adopted a

more sophisticated approach.

his committee have told the

working party that its new

proposals provide a "sansfac-

tory and workable solution" to

the small companies reporting

dilemma. "Our focus is on

trying to improve the level of

communication by curing out

a lot that is irritating to both

preparers and users because it

ven though the new

serves nobody," he says.

Mr Shearer and others on

Tempus, page 28 in the first quarter of 1995.

ACCOUNTANCY

Fill the gap in accounts

Robert Langford on the continuing

need to cut red tape and reduce

the burden on smaller companies

ecounting standards are wasting people's Lime and energy. Who says so? Accountants.

We continue to make unnecessary calls on the time of uwners of small businesses." Brian Shearer, a member of the financial reporting com-minee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, says, "We are also wasting the time of those skilled people who assist in preparing accounts, people who could much bener be employed helping their clients to become more efficient."

Mr Shearer, a partner in Grant Thornion, the accountancy firm, has helped to penan official response to proposals for a big change in the accounting demands on small companies. If the institute has its way, the majority will soon find themselves subject to a kindlier, less demanding financial reporting regime. The more complex big business has become, so the lighter and more demanding accounting standards have been drawn.

Quite rightly, the Accounting Standards Board has focused on those aspects of financial reporting to which the public pays most attention. tr's quite right that it should safeguard public confidence in the financial reporting system in this way." Mr Shearer says. The problem is that often the

Votes for all

THE English ICA has always

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nie. The eccentric accountancy

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issues tackled are not those likely to impinge too much on the everyday existence of the average family company, or to interest the users of its annual accounts. Hence the big GAAP Igenerally accepted accounting principles) little GAAP dehate - whether standards should, as is generally the case now, apply equal-ly across the board, no maner what the size of company. In reality, the argument has

auditing rules allow some disclosure concessions based principally on size. Last year the Government signalled its intention to take the process further when it published a discussion paper. Accounting Simplifications. This contained 50 possible detailed small and mediumsized company reporting sim-

plifications. It also proposed a

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long since been senled. Both

accounting standards and

Companies Act reporting and

£2.8 million to £4.2 million. Even before this, a working party advising the ASB on criteria for exempting small companies from its standards had published tentative conclusions. These were that of 34 standards and abstracts in force, only six should apply to companies falling within the Companies Act definition of

small. Reaction was 60:0 in

nered the ten signatures re-

quired to put a motion down at

the institutes next annual

meeting. On June 4, the insti-

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Marathon meal



Robert Langford wants smaller company account changes

favour. Although the institute said there was a need for change, it did not agree with the bludgeoning impact of dispensing with more than SO per cent of small company reporting requirements.

Last December a revised from the advisory paper group. Designed to Fit - A Finoncial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities. conceded that "the piecemeal application of particular stan-

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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over and done with? Bob

Dommett, secretary-general of

the laner, runs in the London

Marathon this weekend. And

this week should have been

one of careful training and

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starting line in the peak of fit-

ness. So what did the English

ICA do? It held its annual din-

ner on Monday, to which it in-

dignituries. Dommett manful-

vited fellow institute

dards to small companies is a flawed approach". Its alternative was "a specific financial reporting standard to meet the sector's needs'

The FRSSE (financial reporting standard for smaller enrities) had been born, in draft form it is a "one stop" document summarising the financial reporting rules and simplifying the disclosure requirements placed on small companies by accounting

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THE Inland Revenue sees hir-

hulent rimes ahead. There is a

new chairman of the technical

committee of the English

Taxing Maas

ven me-small company roles will not change the way profits are calculated - an important poim, says Mr Shearer — a FRSSE will serve another purpose, it will remind all involved that there is already a qualitative difference between small, medium-sized, large and listed company accounts. Different disclusure rules already apply to each. That is something that is useful to flag. Mr Shearer

says. The institute is now keen for the ASB to act on the recommendations by publishing a FRSSE.

At first sight, this might not appear to lit in with the standard-setter's big company priorities. But once smaller companies have been taken out of the equation, the move would free it to harden up still further on the reporting demands it makes on larger concerns.

The author is head of financial reporting at the Institute of Char-tered Accountants in England and

the faculty's foundation in 1991, the urhanc figure of Adam Broke has chaired the commince. Now he is stepping down and his replacement is to be none other than Robert Maas, of Blackstone Franks, Maas is noted for his forthright and outspoken methods of conveying discontent with the tax system to the Inland Revenue. It will be interesting to see who the Revenue prefers in its dealing with the profession: the elegant rapier of Broke or the weighty blind-

ROBERT BRUCE

geon of Maus?

Spoiling the ship for a ha'p'orth of tar

ROBERT

BRUCE

OUR finest food scientists find their direction of work changed by it. The Chancellor of the Exchequer blames it for the overshoot in the PSBR. And pigeon-fanciers turn apoplectic at its mention. For a tax which seems so innocuous, value-added lax (VAT) has a lot to

The food angle should come as no surprise. VAT experts have argued lengthily over the years about such vital issues as whether a Jaffa cake is a biscuit or a cake. or whether hazelnuts are snacks or nuts. All this nonsense has a great effect. The key to whether something is a snack or a food and thus zerorated can simply be whether or not it swells in its manufacture. On that basis, the humble crisp attracts VAT and a corn chip does not. This is important. Two similar products stand side-by-side on the supermarker shelves. To the public they are very similar. To the retailer there is a 17.5 per cent differential built into the margin. It is no wonder that the work of food scientists is geared not

towards finding a more nutriflous snack hut inwards finding one that can be made without attracting VAT. But the importance of VAT is enormous. Hence the Chancellor's irritation over a

shortfall in tax receipts, mostly from VAT, which means that the PSBR is targer than he would like and certainly larger than that which might guarantee a margin for further tax cuts in a pre-election period. But he has only himself

and previous Conservative Chancellurs to blame. In 1972 Anthony Barber, then Chancellor, announced, in one of those soundbites which reverberate down the years, that "Britain will have the simplest VAT in all of Europe". He then

took a decision that ensured that this could not happen. He gave the responsibility for the tax's administration to Customs and Excise rather than to the Inland Revenue.

There were good reasons for the decision. VAT was seen as the successor to the old purchase tax and that had come under the aegis of Customs. Also the Inland Revenue was in a state of tattered nerves, to put it mildly. In 1965, under the Labour Government of Harold Wilson, it had introduced two new taxes. These were capital gains tax and corporation tax and involved an enormous amount of work. At the same time, marginal tax rates were running in some cases at 98 per cent of income. By the time Barber wanted to introduce VAT in 1972 the Inland Revenue was exhausted and the last thing it wanted was to take on the introduction of a new tax that was likely to change taxation systems profoundly. Customs and

Excise got the job. And it is that decision that now rebounds on the Chanceltor. If VAT had been integrated into the tax mainstream from the very start, the way in which it has grown would have been very different. And it would also be policed by a tax authority which was used to the intricate business of dealing with complex tax laws and tax practitioners.

The Chancellor has also dug the hole in which he finds himself somewhat deeper by his own efforts. If my grandmother was still around, she should be laying down the law about spoiling the ship for a ha'p'orth of tar. in a succession of finance initiatives, the collection and administration of VAT has been starved of expertise at both ends of the

At the small business end there used to be a system that provided greater help to those entering the VAT net for the first time. Small companies used to be guaranteed a visit from a VAT inspector during the first six months of their entering the VAT net. They might not

have enjoyed the experience, but it did set them on the straight and narrow very early on in the VAT regime. But now hudgets for VAT inspectors have been pared to the bone. Now a new business will have a visit within the first three years of nperation, if it is lucky, within the first six years, if it

If the way that a business is accounting for VAT is incorrect then, over six years, an enormous amount of administrative chaos can build up. To say nothing of possibility underpayments,

And, at the other end of the spectrum, the Chancellor's own actions have worsened

his position. The Treasury argument is that large VAT repayments are taking their toll on the nation's tax receipts and that much of this is down to extremely sharp VAT experts in the accountancy firms advising on highly effective tax planning strategies for clients. Many of these experts are gamekeepers turned poachers. They came from Customs and Excise in the first place. And they moved into the private sector because they could earn more there.

The answer would be to hire some back. Or take hright accountants in on something like a five-year contract. Then, expert could battle with expert on something approaching equal terms. But the Treasury now. like so much of UK business, has a cost-cutting culture. Cash match private-sector sataries does not exist.

If the Chancellor wants to bring in more cash from the weird and wonderful world of VAT, then he should hark back to one of the basics of business: no investment no returns:

the English ICA and the Chartutor, Jeff Wooler, has garly ploughed his way through ICA's tax faculty. Ever since

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Confidence grows at Smiths Industries

SMITHS INDUSTRIES, the aerospace and medical instruments group headed by Sir Roger Hurn, has continued its strong progress with a 19 per cent increase in interim pre-tax profits to £69.5

Smiths, which recently joined the FT-SE 100 index of Britain's leading companies, reported improved profits and margins in each of its aerospace, medical and in-dustrial divisions.

Sir Roger, chairman and chief executive, said: The outlook for all three business groups remains strong and gives me confidence that Smiths Industries will continue to grow and to produce

ASB looks

at asset

valuations

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT

FINANCIAL EDITOR

COMPANIES would

have to write down assets

if their worth fell below

their balance sheet value

even if the directors.

thought the fall might be

temporary, under pro-

posed new accounting

rules. The change, if ap-

proved, would end the

practice whereby compan-

ies revalue properties up-

wards in good times but

are reluctant to incorpor-

ate property market falls.

Companies would not need to adjust the balance

sheet values of their own

factories and offices for a

fall in the property market

if the business they are

used for is making reason-

able profits. This should

relieve companies from

making constant revalua-

ns because of chans in property markets. Impairment of Tangible Fired Assets, the latest

discussion document from the Accounting Standards Board, also suggests a new way of estimating the net

present value of assets in use, if companies fear that

the market value of an asset is less than shown in

the balance sheet. This would be based on discounting estimated future cash flows, as in the

board's separate proposals for valuing goodwill.

Assets would only be written down if they were in

the balance sheet at more

than the greater of "present

value" and their "net recov-

crable value". The latter

may be less than the crude

market value if selling it

involves costs such as re-

In the six months to February 3, the aerospace arm increased profits to £17.2 million, compared with £16.4 million, on slightly reduced sales of £171.4 million.

good increases in profit and

Although Smiths's aero-space business is experiencing some disruption after the

strike at Boeing last autumn, it

will benefit from substantial

new orders from the American

aircraft manufacturer. Boeing mtends next year to double production of its 777 wide-

bodied airliner, and to in-

crease the output of 737s from

Smiths also announced it has won a \$100 million con-

tract to supply cockpit instru-

mentation for a new trainer aircraft for the US forces that is being made by Raytheon.

earnings per share."

The medical companies increased their contribution from £26.3 million to £31.6 million. Sir Roger highlighted the export success of Portex, a manufacturer of medical tubes, and a good perfor-mance from Deltec, which makes infusion pumps.

The industrial group, which includes Vent-Axia ventilation business, increased profits to £21.6 million from £16.2

Smiths is paying an interim-dividend of 5.6p, an II per cent increase. Earnings were 17 per cent ahead at 15.4p a share. Sir Roger said Smiths was still pursuing fill-in acquisi-

tions to add to the £300 million

of purchases it has made in the past few years. Smiths is looking for a prospective chief executive to take over from Sir Roger, who is 58 this summer and due to retire at 60. He would not be drawn on whether Einar Lindh, who recently took over the running of the industrial companies, was a potential

candidate.



Sir Roger Hurn says the outlook for Smiths Industries, which reported interim pre-tax profits 19 per cent up at £69.5 million, remains strong

bomb, the phones stopped

ringing for about 24 hours and

then it was back to normal,"

he said. "I don't see this

changing; economic activity in

Ireland is growing by 6 per

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Ryan's gearing, which hit profits in the past, fell 4 points to 40 per cent, while cash assets almost halved from

Ir£386,000 to Ir£200,000.

Earnings rose to Ir3,67p

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business will grow with it."

Irish business boom lifts Ryan Hotels to Ir£2.8m

By Fraser Nelson

THE boom in business trips to Ireland, after the IRA ceasefire, has boosted annual pre-tax profits at Ryan Hotels by 43 per cent to a record lr £2.79 million.

Corporate custom grew sharply last year, as the Dublin group increased the overall number of high-yielding executive suites by II per cent to cater for the business market.

Higher yields were also achieved by Ryan's hotels at Galway and Killarney, where the Ir£28 million spent on their leisure centres has commanded higher room prices. Its hotels in Amsterdam, Brussels and Hamburg all increased their profits, but were overshadowed by Ryan's strong Irish portfolio.

Room occupation was down 2 per cent to 74 per cent, but Connor McCarthy, chairman.

move upmarket. "Our business mix is changing and this drop in occupancy has been more than compensated by the jump in yield, he said. Turnover had jumped 25 per cent in its Dublin hotel.

"Since the ceasefire, the demand for rooms has been staggering," he said. "It's almost impossible to book a flight to London from Ireland nowadays, and as long as this kind of demand continues, our business rooms will keep on performing." Since the IRA ceasefire, business trips to Ireland from the UK have jumped 25 per cent. This has shown few signs of slowing since the IRA's Docklands bomb. Next month, Aer Lingus is laying on a further 33

London-Dublin flights a week. Mr McCarthy said he was confident that this momentum

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cies to pitch for its advertising business. A decision is expected within two weeks. Among those hoping to replace Bartle Bogle Hegarty (BBH), which stood down as WH Smith's agency in February, are believed to be Abbott

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DDB Needham, Duckworth Finn Grubb Waters and Saatchi & Saatchi, the Cordiant subsidiary. WH Smith is estimated to have spent about Ell million on advertising over the past year. The company, which

WH Smith invites

has seen profits squeezed recently by the expansion of supermarkets into its traditional product areas, as well as by sluggish consumer de-

Bartle Bogle Hegarty's first work for WH Smith in 1992 took the form of a press and poster campaign with the catchline We don't sell ... This was later replaced with the gentler line, There's more to life with WH Smith. The media planning account is expected to remain with the media affiliate of BBH.

Control of **Trafalgar** passes to Kvaerner

KVAERNER, the Norwe gian offshore engineering and shipbuilding group, will today take control of the day-to-day manage-ment of Trafalgar House, the British shipping and construction conglomerate.

Eric Tonseth, president of Kvaerner, said it would take three to four weeks to complete a reorganisation of the management of

Trafaigar House. He added: "We now want to start co-ordinating stronger and more powerful Kvaerner. At the same time, we will sell the assets that we do not want to keep." Although Kvaerner has not given precise de-tails of likely divestments. it is believed to be seeking a buyer for Cunard, Trafalgar's troubled cruise line whose vessels include Queen Elizabeth 2.

The takeover of Trafal-gar was declared unconditional yesterday, with acceptances received in respect of more than 90 per cent of the ordinary shares and almost 95 per cent of the preference shares. Competition authorities in Europe and America have giveo their consent.

Kvaerner's cash offer for Trafalgar House, which was recommended by the Trafalgar board, was worth about £904 million, but the company will also assume Trafalgar's substantial debts.

Hongkoog Land, Tra-falgar House's main shareholder, gave its consent in respect of its 25.8

per cent shareholding. Kvaerner has yet to declare what is to be the fate of its 26.1 per cent holding in Amec. the British engineering conglomerate, the legacy of a failed takeover late last year.

Savings products boost new business at Pru

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

PRUDENTIAL'S sale of regular premium pension products fell 8 per cent to £24 million in the first quarter of the year, but new business was boosted by the popularity of the company's

bonds and savings products. The UK's largest insurer said savers had switched their cash from building societies and guaranteed bonds into single premium products, but were still reluctant to commit themselves to regular savings plans. Peter Nowell, group chief actuary, said concern over the

dundancy payments.

Under the proposals, writedowns for impairment need only be charged as losses if the updated valuation is lowpensions mis-selling scandal and fears about job security meant consumers were "cash rich but unwilling to start saving for a time in the future" er than the asset's depreand were more interested in ciated historic costs. lump-sum investments than

regular contributions. Sales of single contribution products in the UK increased 34 per cent to £866 million, the highest quarterly level for more than two years. Sales of regular contribution products were E71 million (1995: E74 million).

The Prudential said growth in single premium new business was driven by increased sales of annuities and nonlinked savings products, in particular Prudence Bond and Prudence Savings Account. Sales of personal equity plans rose 67 per cent. These areas are to be the focus of future

marketing and sales activities. Sales of annual premium life and pension products fell 6 per cent to E59 million. Prudential has made no secret of its plans for expansion and acquisition, and Mr Nowell said it was looking at a number of areas of suitable business. These are believed to include building societies and life companies.

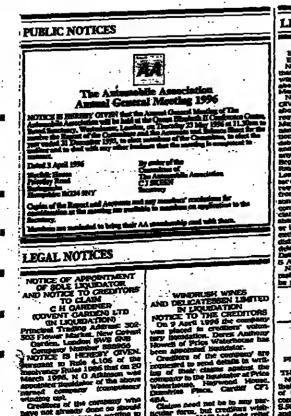
Single premium sales at Jackson National Life, Prudential's American subsidiary, totalled \$633 million, down 22 per cent on 1995's record first quarter, but up 38 per cent on the last quarter of 1995. At Prudential Asia, annual premium sales rose 20 per cent to £18 million.

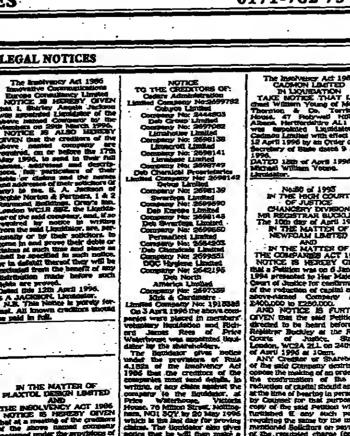
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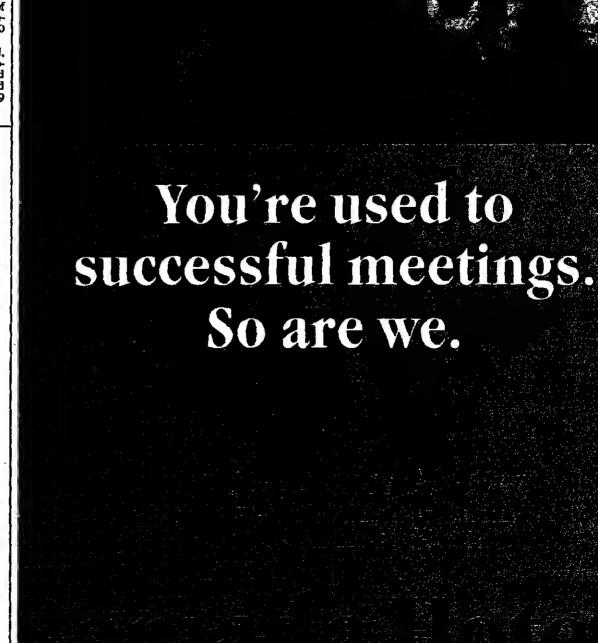
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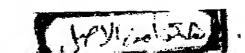
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End the delay over this tragic lesson

t is now almost II years since a British Airtours Boeing 737 caught fire on the runway at Manchester airport with the loss of 54 lives. It is also eight years since an investigation into the accident delivered a number of recommendations for preventing it happening again.

Yet only now is one of the main points being considered by international safety regulators and it could be another two years before it is put into

Many of those who survived the terrible accident reported that they were wedged by the press of people in the narrow passageway between the forward galleys. unable to get out quickly.

The Air Accident Investigation Branch of the Depart-ment of Transport urged the Civil Aviation Authority to commission research into the problem and scientists at Cranfield University were asked to help.

They discovered that the configuration used by some airlines did indeed impede easy escape in the event of an emergency, and they there-fore suggested that the minimum aisle width between the galleys in all aircraft should be increased from 22 inches

to 30 inches. But the research did not investigate the cost of such changes to the airline industry. The CAA has, it says, to look after the well-being of the British airline industry as a whole as well as the safety



By now the European Union was harmonising for all it was worth, including aviation safety standards. So the CAA passed its findings to the European Joint Avia-tion Authorities, known as the JAA. It decided that more research was necessary and it is about to issue a consultation paper - albeit a preliminary one - within the next two months on the economic impact of increasing the minimum width from 22 to

30 inches. The JAA has apparently decided that if these new standards were introduced for all new aircraft they "would not be prohibitive" largely because all the new jets coming into service already surpass them. But it also believes that the cost would be prohibitive to existing aircraft because galleys would have to be replaced or extensively modified.

So any new rule will apply only to new jets and not to the existing fleet and may not come into force until the end of 1997 at the earliest.

Further complications, say the bureaucrats, are caused by the huge number of aircraft which already have gangways wider than their proposed new minimum

width and the fact that American safety experts have decided that they are not going to impose any such standards. In view of this, they argue, there will have to be more international con-

Millions of British holidaymakers are about to make what, for many, is their first flight of the year, perhaps of their lives. The experts may scoff at their fears, but many of them are anxious and apprehensive.

As has been said of the "mad cow" disease scare, it is sometimes necessary to do things because the arguments have gone "beyond the science". To the scientists and the European bureaucrats, the need for action on the width of the forward aisles on older jets may seem arcane, fraught with problems and even unnecessary. But to many passengers, and especially to the Manchester survivors, h is a priority.

To judge by the continuing vaciliation and delay, they are begin-ning to believe that the drive towards European, and even worldwide, harmonisation of standards simply provides an excuse for more meetings, consultations and obfuse-

The CAA should introduce the new rule now, if only to appear to be taking the side of the passenger. The rest of Europe, and if necessary the United States, can catch up

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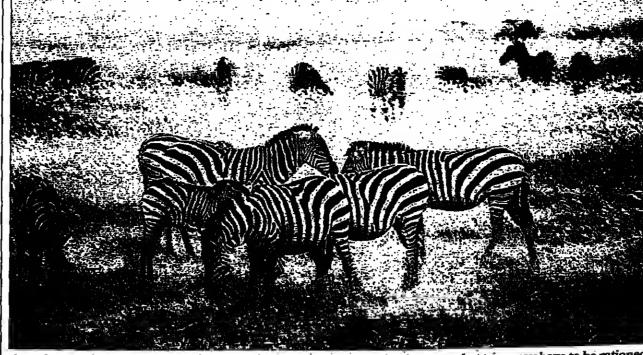
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Call of the wild: but the number of visitors who want to see these animals means that trips may have to be rationed

Halting the hordes

south." Dr Ngasongwa said.

These are being developed as

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camps and small lodges in-

stead of huge concrete hotels."

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Museum and creating a new

school of tribal art. Caves with

prehistoric paintings and the gorge where early human

The policy also involves

A TOURISM policy which will eventually lead to the "rationing" of visitors was announced by the Tanzanian Government yesterday, un-derlying its determination to prevent the country's famous sites from becoming damaged

by too many tourists. When the annual number of visitors reaches 500,000, which is expected by the year 2000 if current trends continue, the Government plans to "put on the brakes", Juma Ngasongwa, the Tourism Minister, told a meeting in London.

As part of the policy, the Government is introducing a moratorium on the development of hotels and lodges serving the Serengeti National

Kilimanjaro and encourage Park and on the rim of the visitors to explore the larger and wilder reserves of the

Ngorongoro volcanic crater. instead, it is launching a £100 million five-year programme, with help from the World Bank and European Union, to boost lesser known areas by providing more tour-

ist facilities and better roads. The decision follows an announcement by the Kenya Wildlife Service that it, too, is to urge tourists to explore remote parts of the country to avoid the Masai Mara, Amboseli and Tsavo national parks being saturated.

"We want to avoid overcrowding of our 'northern circuit' including the Serengeni, Ngorongoro and Mount

remains were found will also be made more accessible and tourist-friendly.

Most of these archaeologi cal sites have been neglected. but under the new tourism plan they will be properly preserved with new tourist information centres." Dr Ngasongwa said.

Hatim Karimjee, chairman of Tanzania's Tourist Board. added: "Our problem is not promoting tourism but controlling it. If we don't, we shall

be overtaken by mass tourism. When we reach the optimum number, we shall aim to maintain that level by encouraging visitors to stay longer and to partake in special interest holidays, like game fishing and bird-watching."

Fast and furious to Dieppe

STENA Line is offering spe-cial fares to mark the debut of a fast ferry catamaran on its Newhaven-Dieppe route." A car and five passengers costs E30 for a day-return, E59 for three days, for travel by April 30. Details: 0990 707070.

☐ RED Funnel introduced its latest ship. Red Eagle, on services between Southarnoton and Cowes yesterday. A special fare to the Isle of Wightis available this weekend -E20 for a car and four passengers, valid for day trips on Saturday or Sunday or out Saturday, back Sunday. De-tails: 01703 330333.

SEA France has extended its offer on Dover-Calais sailings until the end of April. The new French-owned lerry company is quoting £50 for a five-day return for a car and. up to nine passengers, £100 for standard returns. Details: 01304 204204.

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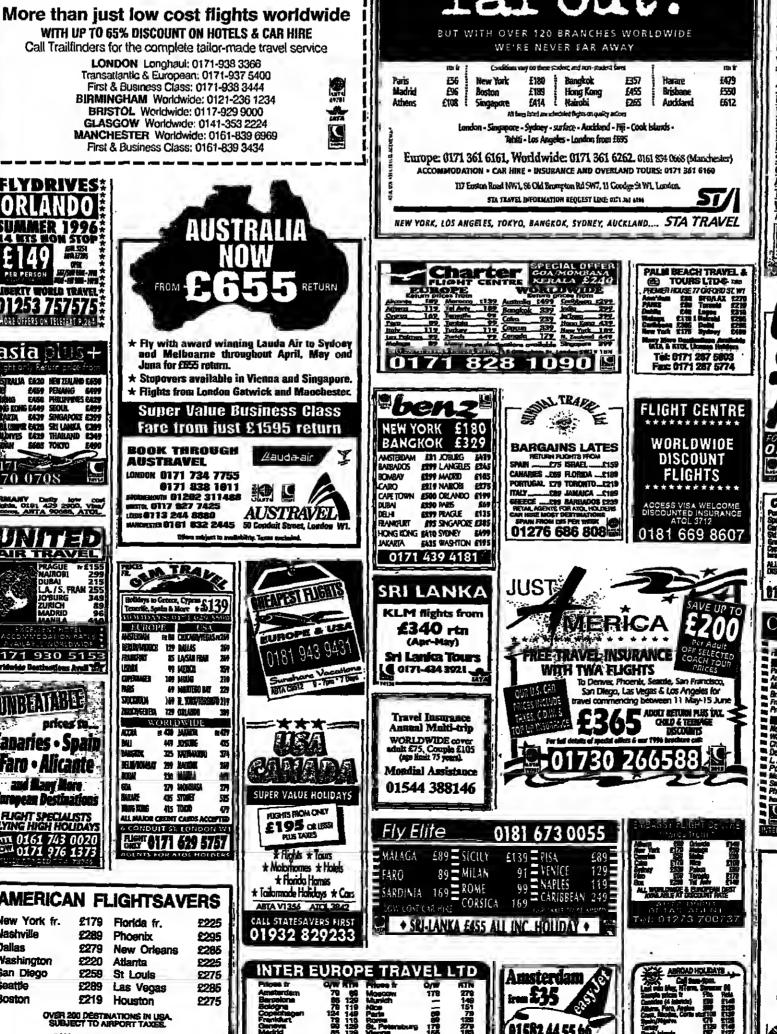
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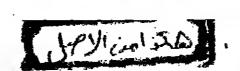
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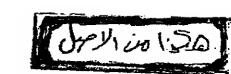
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Granada raises hotel prices

By DAVID CHURCHILL

GRANADA Group, the leisure and television company. last week sharply increased the prices for its 137 budget Travelodge hotels in the UK for the second time since acquiring the chain in its £3.8 billion takeover of Forse in January.

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The company then followed this up, on Monday, by raising the price of the 78-strong Posthouse mid-market chain. Hotels such as the Peterborough and Birmingham airport are increasing their daily rate from £59 to £69 a night with other bands in the chain going up to £79, £89 and £99 a night.
The rises were foreshad-

owed during the bitter takeover battle with Forte but the scale of the increases has come as a surprise to many in the hotel industry.

Though current occupancy levels are strong, some hoteliers fear that the market may have peaked; most of Granada's compeniors have decided against raising prices. In February, Granada in-

creased the room rate for Travelodge from £34.50 to £36.50 and last week raised it again to £39.95 for most of its regional hotels, and £42.95 for hotels in big towns and cities, Granada says its research

"indicated that we have been underpriced for some time, and we have now decided to

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Its rival Whitbread, which

has 119 budget Travel Inn hotels, says it will not raise prices above the present £35.50 a room. Whitbread says: "We have looked long and hard at the Granada move and decided we do not need to raise our Peter Stephenson, managing director of Granada's UK Hotels, says that the rates

But rival mid-market chains, such as Queens Moat Houses and Hilton National, are said to have no immediate plans to to raise prices. Some observers believe that

have been increased "because

we are operating close to

capacity at the moment" and

because Forte had made big

investments in hotels in recent

prices further."

Granada is more interested in increasing its cashflow from the hotels it acquired in the short term rather than in pricing its rooms according to long-term market needs.

The strength of botel occupancy at present is also shown by the latest surveys for London from Pannell Kerr Forster (PKF), a hotel consultancy. ft reports that room rates last year rose by 11.6 per cent on average to reach £83.92 and occupancy levels were 83 per cent. This year PKF forecasts an 85 per cent average occupancy level in London hotels. In a report on Welsh hotels it says occupancy last year reached the highest level for five years.



A Katyusha rocket fired from Lebanon by Hezbollah fighters blows up a car in Kiryat Shmona in northern Israel

BA cancels Beirut flight

By TONY DAWE

BRITISH Airways cancelled yesterday's London-Beirut flight, tours to Lebanon's historic sites have been abandoned and holidays to the Holy Land disrupted as Israel continued its offensive against alleged terrorist targets in Lebanon.

Airlines and tour operators are making decisions day-by-day about services and holidays to the Middle East but admit that many customers have cancelled and that the recent increase in tourism to the region is being slowed.

The only positive news yesterday came from British Mediterranean Airways, set

up last year under its chairman Lord Hesketh to take advantage of the rise in demand for travel to Beirut. Damascus and Amman. None of its five weekly services has been cancelled because most passengers are Lebanese people returning home.

The Foreign Office says that "travel south of Beirut is inadvisable" and the British Embassy in Beirut has told tour operators to keep clear of the Bekaa Valley and the Baalbeck area, both strongholds of Hezbollah, but containing some of the most important Middle East archaeological remains.

Leading holiday companies are pull-

prices to beat Disney

BY DAVID CHURCHILL

ORLANDO theme parks are 25 per cent so far this year - visit Sea World and Universal

because tourists find it too

expensive to visit the other

parks as well as the better-

A five-day Disney pass, giving unlimited access to its

three main theme parks, three

water parks and night-time

entertainment complex, costs

about £124 for adults and £99

Orlando's special ticket to

its three parks will not, how-

ever, be sold in the UK and will be available only at the

gates to its parks. Several

for children aged under 10.

known Disney.

ing visitors out of Lebanon and cancelling future trips. Jim Harris, director of Jasmin Tours, said a six-day Highlights of Lebanon tour due to leave London yesterday had been cancelled. He was watching the situation closely before making a decison about the next tours. Visits to Baaibeck, included in Syrian-based holidays, are also being cancelled. Thomson, which takes 10,000 British holidaymakers to Israel every vear, has cancelled its weekly coach tours Holy Land. But it is continuing with its

through the country and mini-cruises from Cyprus which included visits to the Orlando offers special

Studios every day for five days. They believe it better to

buy tickets in advance in

Britain, so as to avoid having

to meet the extra costs when

But the Universal/Sea

World ticket deal is seen by

tour operators to Florida as

one of the best bargains of the

cess if they feel the need to offer such a good deal," said

Disney has spent heavily on

advertising and other promo-

tions this year, including a free

20-minute video which has

been sent to more than

900,000 British households

showing what Disney World has to offer.

resident parsons in seven of popular holiday areas.

one specialist operator.

"Universal and Sea World must be getting really worried about Disney's suc-

abroad.

Chelsea Hotel in Knights-

bridge, close to Harrods, has a special weekend rate of £99 per night for a single room and £110 for the double for the two May Bank Holiday weekends. This represents a saving of E78 a night on the normal rate. Details: 0171-838 9650.

□ WHITE'S Hotel in Gibraltar has a three-night break for £199 per person. including air fares, until the end of May. The 126-room four-star hotel is located in the beart of the city. Details: 01993 700600.

BROWN'S Hotel in

STAY at the Stifford Moat House in Essex at the special rate of £32 per person per

BARGAINS OF THE WEEK

SIMPLY Tuscany & Umbria

is offering speciai "villa only" £140 per week for a one bedroom villa and £200 per week for a two bedroom villa from April 27 to May 18. Package prices including

☐ A THREE-night cookery break from next Thursday is available at Hotel Le Monastère in northern France for £235 per person including dinner, bed and breakfast and Dover-Calais ferry crossings, from Inntravel Shortbreaks. De-tails: 01653 628862

ence is offering free upgrades to premium rooms in luxury beach hotel for bookings made before April 30. Prices start from £377 for a week's bed and breakfast accommodation and return flights from Gatwick on Fridays. Details: 01703 730888.

☐ A FORTNIGHT's self-catering Twentys holiday in Ibiza for £188 with departure from Gatwick on May 4 is among late offers to the Mediterranean from Co-op Travelcare, Details: 0161-827

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flights and car hire start from £264 per person. De-tails: 0181-995 8277.

☐THE GAMBIA Experi-

with departure from Birmingham on May 5 is among late offers from Cosmos. Details: 0161-480

☐ SAVINGS of £110 per person on holidays to Kenya are available from British Airways Holidays for departures up to May 30. Prices for a fortnight's beach-cum-safari holiday now start at £1225. Details: 01293 723161.

☐ IN CONTRAST, Arctic Experience is offering a fivenight spring break in lee-land with adventurous day trips from £494 per person until the end of May. Details: 01737 218800.

☐ LE SPORT all-inclusive hotel in St Lucia is available for £1,499 per person for a fortnight between May 19 and June 23, a saving of £360, from Tropical Places. with flights from Gatwick. Details: 01342 825123.

☐ FLORIDA for a fortnight for £429 per adult, a saving of £150, with half price for children under 16 is this week's offer from ARTAC WorldChoice travel agents and Virgin Holidays. The offer, available from May 31 to June 27, includes Gatwick-Miami flights and accommodation in Orlando. Details: 0500 757737.

THE four-star

London's Albernarie Street is offering a special St George's Day menu in its restaurant next Tuesday, at £24,50 for three courses, to celebrate its long links with the patron saint of England. In 1889 it acquired the neighbouring St George's Hotel and a stained glass window featuring St George slaying the dragon can still be seen in the hotel bar. Details: 0171-

night to watch the Thurrock International

Kite Festival over the May Day weekend. Teams from all over Europe will compete for the £1.500 first prize. Details: 01708 719988,

LUXURY bed and breakfast accommodation is available at a house in Hyde Park Gate, London, the newest B&B to join the Uptown Reservation service. Prices start at £55 single and £70 double per night, including a private bathroom and conli-nental breakfast. Details: 0171-351 3445.

CI STAKIS Hotels has published a leisure break brochure featuring short holidays at the company's 45 UK properties, including its new hotels at Balmoral, Aberdeen and Tyneside. Details: 0990 969696.

THE Copthorne Hotel in Hanover, Germany, has a special rate of £49 per night for British guests visiting the Hanover Fair in June in which more than 10,000 people take part. The rate includes transfers to the fair and an evening meal in the main fairground marquee. Details: 0800 414741.

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saler Bright-ways is offering a special fare to New York via Paris. A round-trip price of £2,338 class flights going out and Concorde on the return. Details: 0800 919171.

☐ AIR China is offering promotional first and business-class fares on its twiceweekly Heathrow-Peking service. Business round trips cost £988 as against the British Airways price of £2,036, while first class costs £1,767 compared with no less than £4,781 flying BA. De-tails: 0171-630 0919.

☐ THAI International currently has Supersaver excursions to Bangkok and other domestic destinations. Bang kok return costs £495 with flights to the reson of Phuket or the northern city of Chiangmai, available for £545. Details: 0171-499 9113.

☐ SABENA has some attractive business-class bonus fares for regional passengers

flying to Eur-ope via Brus-sels. Manchester-Munich return, for example, costs £460 while Glasgow-Bordeaux is offered at £514 - savings of about 15 per cent on normal rates. Details: 0181-780 1444.

SWISS airline Crossair has launched a direct Edinburgh-Zurich service with an introductory fare of £199. Details: 0345 581333.

THIS summer British Airways is serving another six destinations from Gatwick - flights to Zurich and Stockholm have just started, and Edinburgh begins next month, Kiev fol-lows in June while Phoenix and San Diego come online in July. Details: 0345 222111.

□ EUROSTAR is providing stiffer competition to the airlines between London, Paris and Brussels. Sales of its off-season rail fares starting at £59 standard and £155 first class - have been extended until mid-July. Details: 0345 881881.

Labour reviews tourist tax

By ROGER BRAY

TOURISTS taking holidays in Britain pay a higher propor-tion of their costs in VAT than in any other European country except Sweden. The tax

family of four.

large in talks between the rants and attractions. tourism industry and the Labour Party during the next few months. Jack Cunningham, the Shadow Heritage Secretary, this week promised that Labour would listen to arguments for lower VAT on the tourist industry. He would make no commitment to cut. the rate from 17.5 per cent, but he said Labour was reviewing corporate taxation - and the pact of this would be to gener-

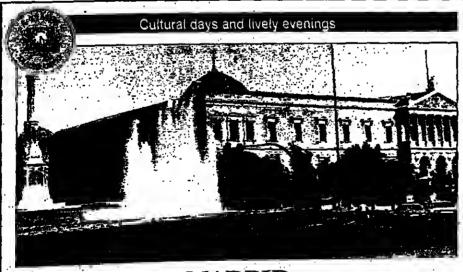
A guestion to be thrashed out during talks with tourism representatives is whether, if

adds almost £400 to the cost of '' "the tax'is reduced, it should be a typical two-week break for a- made lower only for hoteliers and other providers of accom-These figures will loom modation or also for restau-Research by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu International suggests that after four years, cutting the rate to 8 per cent on accommodation would

lose the Government only £340 million in VAT annually. but that the additional £1.8 billion spent by tourists in Britain as a result could create 38,000 jobs. The overall im-

issue would be firmly on the ate more money for the Exchequer. A similar reduction throughout the industry would cut the tax take by the same period, raise spendhuge boost for the economy. spend more on holiday than they budget for and are reluctant to carry too much cash

almost £2.3 billion a year over ing by more than £4 billion and create 87,000 jobs. The overall effect would be a reduction in tax receipts but a British holidaymakers when travelling, according to a survey by Audience Selection for Europay, which trades as Mastercard in Europe. Most Britons use credit cards to cover unexpected extra pur-



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British ticket operators, such as Keith Prowse and Ticketshop USA, argue that ing both American and international tourists. Many Orlando theme park operators the five-day pass does not offer such exceptional value as at believe they are missing out on This is because few tourists, Florida's tourism boom - and they believe, would want to visitors from the UK are up by

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is offering free shuttle trans-

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This special five-day pass is

part of an attempt by Orlan-

do's theme parks to stave off

the growing dominance of Walt Disney World in attract-

Barcelona

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ica is about to take wing in Europe, Roger Bray writes. EasyJet, the cut-price operator that began by flying between Luton and Scotland only, plans to launch two £49 oneway services, to Nice and Barcelona in June. Easyjet is pitched mainly at

the leisure market, although n may appeal to business travellers who, according to a MORI survey for Carlson, a travel agency, are willing to use small airlines for short flights. EasyJet's present destinations are Glasgow, Edinburgh and Aberdeen at prices from £40 one-way, including the E5 air passenger's duty. EasyJet takes credit and charge card payments by

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A wing and a prayer

By Steve Keenan

BRITAIN's biggest holiday company is recruiting more clergymen to preach at its overseas resorts next winter. Eight more chaplains will join the 32 already based in Spain and other holiday hotspots sold by Thomson Holidays. This winter a record 2.6 million Britons fled the cold in search of sunshine. And Thomson — which sells three out of ten holidays - expects a new record next

1.000 Sunday services, with

The new chaplains will be based in Cyprus and Portugal. Others already work in the Costa del Sol. Costa Blan-ca, Majorca. Tenerife and Tunisia. "We call them the flying vicars," said a Thom-son spokesman. "The chanson spokesman. The chap-lains based in the popular resorts travel across their regions to preach." winter. Its larger flock of 40 clergymen will hold a total of

The dergymen are mem-bers of the Inter-Continental Church Society, a non-denominational society.

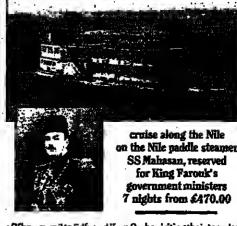
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he gave a concurring judgment

in Roebuck v Mungovin Lord

Browne-Wilkinson, with whom all

the other law lords agreed, consid-

ered Hornagold (at p234) and

plainly rejected Lord Justice Roch's views on the necessity to adduce

specific evidence that prejudice

flowed from loss of memory in a

the court could draw inferences

from a loss of recollection for any

substantial period of delay and

that it would be artificial to allocate

prejudice to one rather than

On the authority of Roebuck, the

Court of Appeal had subsequently

been prepared to infer prejudice from loss of recollection through

the passage of time having regard

to the particular circumstances of the case even in the absence of

specific evidence of particular re-

spects in which memories had dimmed: see, for example. In re Manlon Trading Co 11d [1995] 3 WLR 839, 848 and 852).

On the authorities there were

differences in emphasis between

what was said by Lord Justice Roch in Hornagold, Lord Justice Waite in Rowe v Glenister (The Times August 7, 1995; CA Tran-script No 95/964) and Lord Justice

Auld in Stade v Adco Ltd (The Times December 7, 1995; CA

Transcript No 95/1779) on the one hand, and what was said by Lord

Justice Stuart-Smith in Lenister

and Benoir, Lord Justice Glidewell in Hornagold. Lord Browne-Wil-

kinson in Roebuck v Mungovin

and Sir Iain Glidewell and Lord

Justice Neill in Stade v Adco Ltd

that in appropriate circumstances inferences could be drawn, Each

But all the judges were agreed

on the other hand.

particular period.

another period.

Shtun v Zaljejska

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord [Judgmen] March 28]

In considering whether an action should be struck out because of the plainoff's inordinate and inexcuswhether the defendant had suflered prejudice through the impairment of witnesses' recollections as a result of delay, the court had to examine with care all the evidence in the case.

In some cases a court would be entitled to draw inferences of prejudice even in the absence of evidence of the particular respects in which a wimess's memory was impaired: but every case turned on its own facts.

The Court of Appeal so held, allowing an appeal by the defendant, Urszula Zaljejska, from an order of Mr D. K. Oliver, QC. sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division on May 20, 1994, in which he reinstated an action against her by the plaintiff. Musij Shrun, which Master Barrett had previously dismissed for want of prosecution.

In October 1984 the plaintiff issued a writ against the defendant

claiming a declaration that the defendant held a hotel property. purchased in 1978, on trust for him absolutely, in April 1985 the defendani served her defence and counterclaim, claiming that the plaintiff had given her the property at the time of purchase. Pleadings closed in July 1985, the plaintiff issued a summons for directions in ecember 1986 and the defendant finally served complete further and better particulars in January 1988.

The plainfilf set down the action in April 1988. In November 1989. the defendant served her list of documents and the plaintiff served his list in February 1490. On May 4, 1993 the plaintiff served natice of intention to proceed and on September 9, 1903 the defendant

only evidence of prejudice to the defendant as a result of the plaintiff's delay was the affidavit evidence of her solicitor, which

"There is a substantial risk that it will not be possible to bave a fair trial of the issues ... the dispute ... (concerned) a number of issues relating to the agreement made between the plainfil and the defendant as to the ownership of the property. These matters relate to, in the main, oral agreement. although there is some documentation available."

Mr Paul Rippon for the defendant: Mr John Chapman for the

LORD JUSTICE PETER GIB-SON said that the deputy judge was tempted to take the view that the delay and the necessity of oral evidence was such as would justify dismissal of the action, but he considered himself bound by the Court of Appeal in Hornagold v Fairclough Building Ltd The Times June 3, 1993; [1993] PIQR 400), where Lord Justice Roch said that there had to be more than a hald assertion that the delay had prejudiced the defendant.

Mr Rippon submitted that the deputy judge's reliance on Hernagold was misplaced and his decision should be reversed.

The following propositions of law were now uncontroversial: Where there had been no contumelious conduct by the plaintiff, the court, if it was to strike nun an action for want of prosecution, had to be satisfied (a) that there had been inordinate and inexcusable delay by the plaintiff or Itis (awyers: and tb) that such delay would give rise to a substantial risk that it was not possible to have a fair trial of the issues in the action or was such as was likely to cause or to have caused serious prejudice to the defendants either as between themselves and the

party: Birkett v James (1978) AC 297, 318) per Lord Diplock. 2 It was the delay after the issue of

proceedings which had to be shown to have caused such risk of prejudice (ibid p322). 3 Where the plainuff delayed in

issuing proceedings and by further delay caused prejudice, the additional prejudice that had to be shown to justify dismissal of the action need not be great but it had to be more than minimal (ibid

4 Once the plaintiff was guilty of further delay the prejudice caused by the totality of the periods of his delay could be looked at: Roebuck v Mungovin (1994) 2 AC 224, 234) per Lord Browne-Wilkinson. 5 The prejudice might take a

variety of forms, but one important form was the impairment of witnesses' memories. Another con-sisted of the prejudice to the defendant through having a seri-ous claim hanging over him: Biss v Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham Area Health Authority (Teaching) (1978) I WLR 382, 389). But the courts should only in exceptional cases treat the anxiety which accompanied all lingarion as alone being sufficient to justify dismissing the action: Department of Transport v Chris Smaller

6 Save in exceptional cases an action would not be struck out for want of prosecution before the expiry of the relevant limitation period. Birkett v James (at p321). Lord Griffiths in Smaller |at pl203G| was not intending to depart from Birkett v James in any way. The House of Lords in that case specifically upheld the prin-

(Transport) Ltd (1989) AC 1197, 1209, 1210) per Lord Griffiths.

ciples in Birkett v James.
Nor was there anything in Birkett v James to suggest that Lord Salmon or Lord Diplock recanled from what they had earlier said in Allen v Sir Alfred McAlpine and Sons Ltd [1968] 2 QB 229, 260 and 272]. The prinal of the House of Lords in that

What was the subject of more controversy was the evidence needed to justify the dismissal of an action on the ground of the impairment of witnesses' recollec-

His Lordship considered the following cases: Electricity Supply Nominees Ltd v Longstaff and Shaw Ltd ([1986] 3 Constr LI 183. 187) per Lord Justice Mustill. referred to in Homagold at p407: Leniston v Phipps (unreported, CA. Transcript No 88/387), per Lord Justice Stuart-Smith (at pl4) with whom Lord Justice Croom-Johnson agreed: Benoit v Haringey London Borough Council |un-reported, CA Transcript No 91/0116], in which Lord Justice Nourse agreed with Lord Justice Stuart-Smith: Smaller per Lord Griffiths at pl208; Trill v Socher

ciples II to 14 there set out. In Harnagold Mr Jostice Schiemann dismissed a personal injury action for want of prosecu-tion. The evidence before him included affidavits stating that unspecified witnesses would have difficulties of recollection.

(1993) I WLR 1379, 1399) per Lord

Justice Neill, in particular prin-

In the Court of Appeal, Lord Justice Roch, referring to Leniston, Benoir, the Electricity Supply case and Smoller, said (at p40%) that to succeed in striking out an action a defendant had to produce some evidence from which serious prej-udice could be inferred. He held that because the defendant did not identify the particular witnesses or the particular respects in which their evidence was impaired, prej-udice could not be inferred and he

illowed the appeal.

Lord Justice Glidewell, while agreeing in the result, expressed himself differently [at pp414 and 417). Lord Justice Roch accepted he required greater specificity in evidence than did Lord Justice

Slade v Adco Ltd. had to turn on its uty judge in the present case was referred only to Hornagold in The own particular facts. Rowe v Glenister on its particular facts was not determinative of the Times which gave extracts of Lord Justice Roch's judgment and only outcome of the present appeal on said of Lord Justice Clidewell that its different facts.

In order to determine whether a defendant had suffered the necessary prejudice in the form of the impairment of witnesses' recollections as a result of inordinate and mexcusable post-writ delay, the court had to examine with care all the evidence including both the affidavit evidence and evidence of the issues disclosed by the plead-He also stated in clear terms that

Evidence of the particular respects in which a potential wimess's memory was impaired was not essential in every case, still less had it to be shown that such failing of memory commenced in a particular period.

The deputy judge misdirected himself in considering himself bound by what was then reported of Lord Justice Roch's judgment in Hornagold. But for that he would have acted differently.

In the circumstances the court was entitled to exercise its own discretion. Having regard to the issues and the oral evidence required to resolve them, to the prejudice likely to have been caused through the four-year delay before the issue of proceedings and to the plaintiff's inordinate and inexcusable delay since the issue of the writ. it was possible to draw the inference of more than minimal prejudice to the defendant as a result of that delay. Accordingly, the appeal would be allowed.

LORD JUSTICE HOBHOUSE. concurring with Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Neill. said that the case vividly illus trated the excessive intrusion of factual questions. The legal criteria were those in Birken v James. confirmed in Smoller.

The deputy judge considered

drawing an inference of prejudice by the newspaper report, published eleven months earlier, in Hornagold, His Lordship deplored that approach to binding authority. The judge was misled. A reference to the full text of the dements delivered would have

mided the error. The judge was led to believe that the only way a court could be satisfied that the substantial risk existed was by specific affidavit evidence expressly particularising the risk. That was not and never had been the law. It confused comments made in individual cases about the evidence in those

cases with propositions of law. Such comments were not statements of law and were no more than guidance upon the appropriate judicial approach to the evaluation of evidence and the reaching of factual decisions and assistance in the reaching of consistent decisions in similar

Each case turned on its own facts and whether or not in any given case it was appropriate to draw the inference depended upon all the circumstances in that case.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL concurring, said that in Birkett v James the House of Lords set out two preconditions for the exercise of the discretionary power to strike out for want of prosecution: (i) that the plaintiff had been guilty of inordinate and inexcusable delay: and [ii] that such delay gave rise to a substantial risk that it was not possible to have a fair trial or was likely to cause or had caused serious prejudice to the defendant.

In respect of the second precondition each case depended on its own lacts but the lactors to be taken into account in evaluating the defendant's case included: (i) the issues: [ii] the evidence which was or was likely to be available and how far that would be oral or documentary: Iiiii the time elansed degree of prejudice suffered or

pre-writ period; (v) the period of nordinate and inexcusable delaw and (vi) the degree of prejudice inexcusable delay.

caused or likely to have been caused by the mordinate and Pre-wrif delay could not be relied on but if the writ was issued

into the additional prejudice need not be great compared to that which had occurred before the writ was issued. Most of those factors would also

be relevant where it was said that

there was a substantial risk that it

was not possible to have a fair trial. In many cases the resolution of the issues would depend on oral testimony. Sometimes the delendant would be able to show that a. witness had died or become too infirm to give evidence or had disappeared. But there would be cases where the proper assessment of the defendant's position and the nature and degree of any prejudice would not depend primarily on the absence of witnesses but on all the

circumstances of the case. . The defendant had to explain his position and establish prejudice. He had to explain how the relevant delay would affect his case and the resolution of the issues.

The judge had to assess the likely effect on the trial and on the defendant's ability to put his case. He therefore had to draw in-ferences based on all the material before him, including inferences as to the effect of delay on the ; recollection of witnesses.

In that context it was important to keep in mind the words of Lord Browne-Wilkinson in Roebuck v Afungavin (at p234) which were not obiter, that a judge could inter a further loss of recollection from any substantial delay.

It was to be hoped that future alfidavits would set out explanations of prejudice more clearly than in the present case.

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Power to award costs is confined

Zanussi v Anglo Venezuelan Real Estate and Agricultural Development Ltd

The High Court jurisdiction to award costs, defined by section 51 of the Supreme Court Act 1481, did not enable the court to award costs other than those incurred in the proceedings before it and costs incidental to those proceedings.

The Court of Appeal [Lord Justice Naurse, Lord Justice Aldous and Sir John Balcombe) so held on March 7 when allowing Angle Venezuelan Real Estate appeal from a costs order made by Master Barrett on July 26, 1994 in favour of the plainniff. Mr Ciuidn Zanussi, in proceedings begun in March 1993, whereby he had awarded the plaintiff part of the costs of an earlier action between the parties that had been cont-

LORD JUSTICE ALDOUS said that by section 51 of the [98] Act the costs of and incidental to all proceedings" in the High Court were in the discretion of the court. The question was whether the master had jurisdiction to make an award of the costs of the 1902 case in the 1945 case.

The word "all" in section 51 meant "in every proceeding which is before the court". The section did not confer jurisdiction on the court to award costs other than those incurred in the proceedings before

As the 1992 proceedings were not incidental to the 1943 proceedings it was apparent that the master did not have jurisdiction to order the defendants to pay any of the costs of the 1992 proceedings.

over child

Before exercising its powers to make an order that a parent should pay compensation and costs under section 55 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 in respect of an offence commined by a child, a court should satisfy itself that such an order was reasonable.

A v Director of Public

Prosecutions

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Leggan and Sir Jain Glidewell) so held on April I when allowing an appeal by way of case stated against the dismissal by Wood Green Crown Court Judge Lait and justices on July I. 1994 of an appeal against an order by justices at Enfield Youth Court on May 4, 1994 that a parent pay compensation in respect of a child's conviction for criminal

Parent not liable

SIR IAIN GLIDEWELL said that the act had occurred while the child was being accommodated by the council with the parent's consent under section 20 of the Children Act 1989.

Although the child was not the subject of a care order and the parent retained legal care and control, the local authority had de facto charge of its day to day management. There was no way in practice that the parent could have stopped the child from committing In those circumstances it was

not reasonable in hold the parent responsible for the child's actions Accordingly the appeal would be compensation and custs against the parent would be quashed.

Establishing prospectus misrepresentation Possfund Custodian Trustee Ltd and Another v Diamond

and Others Part and Others v Same McGrigor Donald (a Firm) Third Party

Before Mr Justice Lightman |Judgment April 2|

When a purchaser in the unlisted securities market claimed damages in respect of a misrepresenta-tion from those responsible for defects in the original share prospectus, he had to establish that he reasonably (i) relied on the relevant representation, and (ii) believed that the representor in-

nended him to act on it.

Mr Justice Lightman so held in the Chancery Division, in relusing to strike out, under Order 18, rule 19 of the Rules of the Supreme Court. those parts of the state-ments of claim by 75 plaintiffs in two consolidated actions, which related to purchases of shares in that market, as distinct from iptions on their issue.

The prospectus in question was issued in April 1980 prior to the placing of 5.177.725 shares of 5p in the eighth defendant. Diamond Group Holdings plc, on the un-listed securities market at 85p each. The first to seventh defendants were Diamond's directors at the time: the ninth defendant, Allied Provincial Corporate Services Ltd, was Diamond's financial adviser for that placing; the tenth defendants. Arthur Andersen & Co. were Diamond's auditors and the reporting accountants.

Mr Charles Falconer, QC and Mr Martin Moore for the plaintiffs: Mr Robin Potts, QC and Mr Philip Gilvon for Allied Provincial: Mr Mark Barnes, QC and Mr Rhodri Davies for Arthur Andersen: Mr Andrew Thornton for the

MR JUSTICE LIGHTMAN said the novel question of law was whether those responsible for the issue of a company's prospectus owed a duty of care to subsequent purchasers of its shares in the unlisted market. The plaintiffs contended that:

Both when subsequently purchasing, as many did, as well as when initially subscribing for shares which were in fact worthless (Diamond now being in receivership) they relied, as they were intended to, on the 1989

2 It had misrepresented Diamond's position by failing to disclose, or understating Diamond's liabilities:

3 All 10 defendants owed them duties of care, breach of which caused them loss and entitled them, in each of two actions begun in 1992 and 1905, to both fat compensation in respect of subscribed shares under section 67 of the Companies Act 1985; and (b) damages at common law, in respect of "wher market purchases" as well as of initial subscriptions, for (i) deceit, against Diamond and the first four defendants: (ii) negligence, in regard to the prospectus, against the first tu ninth defendants: and fill negin respect of their financial report

within the prospectus. Air Falconer had submitted that the defendants' applications to strike out so much of the plaintiffs' pleading as related to subsequent purchases should be refused: I As an abuse of process, since Mr Justice Harman had refused a

were factors sufficient to prevent the maner being res judicata; 2 Because the plaintiffs' pleadings were plainly sound: countered by the defendants' contention that they were plainly unsound. Common law and statutory

The landmark speeches in Peck Gurney ((1873) o LR HL 377) and Derry v Peek [[1889] 14 App Cas 337] were now supplemented by those in Hedley Byrne & Co Ltd r Heller & Pariners Ltd (1964) AC 465) and Caparo Industries plc v Dickman (1993) AC 605) showing that the imposition of a duty of care in such

relationship between representor and representee and that its imposition had to be lair, just and reasonable. The Financial Services Act 1986.

which followed Professor Gower's report Review of Investor Protec-tion (Cmnd 9125) of 1984 drew a sharp disrinction between the listing of particulars of shares to be admined to the official list of the Stock Exchange (Part IV of the Act) and prospectuses of unlisted securities (Part V: never brough) into force).

Were the pleadings adequate? The material paragraph in the 1992 action claimed that the purpose ... of the prospectus was

to provide the financial back-ground to [Diamond] ... on the strength of which or in the context of which a market in the shares was established and maintained and, in particular, to induce or encourage [persons, to whom the prospectus was sent, to purchase further shares "in the further shares

aftermarker" Only one potentially supportive further and better particular of that paragraph had been served: namely "The fact that the purpose set out [therein] is acknowledged by those experienced as advisers in relation to the flotation of companies as one of the purposes of a prospectus issued in connection with a placing. "which his Lordship had regarded as so close to unintelligible and incommunicarive that when it became clear that it, and the as yet unrevealed expert evidence in support, constituted the whole thrust of the plaintiffs' defence to a strike-out. he had ordered them to file an affidavit from their expert substan-tiating it, an order, although objected to by Mr Falconer as a procedural innovation, his Lordship believed he had both jurisdiction and a duty to make, in the

That affidavit, when duty filed, stated that by 1989 established commercial practice and percep-

interests of convenience and

inducing of subscriptions: it was now prepared with the further intention of inducing purchases in clear enough to escape, strike out. Intent and proximity There were two issues: Did those

responsible for a prospectus intend aftermarket purchasers to rely on It and if so did the necessary degree of proximity link those responsible with such purchasers?
As to intention, must it be

assessed obectively: see Clerk & Linsell on Torts (17th edition (1995) paragraph 7.65)? Whether or not a subjective intention sufficed, II seemed that it must, in all cases be objectively established.

As to proximity, the law drew a distinction between representa-tions made to specific persons for specific purposes and representa-tions to the public. In the latter, it was likely to be established only if reliance upon it by them, for the purpose in question, were found to have been intended by the v Hill Samuel & Co Ltd [[1991] Ch 295. 320B-C) per Lord Justice-Slade; Galoo Ltd v Bright Graham Murray (1994) 1 WLR 1300, 1382-3) per Lord Justice Glidewell.

Negligence and the prospectus The starting point in determining the ambit of the duty owed by the draftsman of a prospectus must be its statutory purpos his Lordship opined that if its additional and intended purpose. of informing and encouraging purchasers in the aftermarket, were established, it was at leastarguable that a duty of care was

owed to the latter.

He referred again to Peek v
Gurney and to Al Nakib v
Longcraft ([1990] | WLR 1390].
Scott v Dixon ([1889) 29 LJ (Exch) 62. notel. Andrews v Mockford (1896) 1 QB 372) and finally, as supporting the view that the plan-tiffs claim merited full consideration at trial, to Gower on Company Law (5th edition (1992)

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that would make it expedient to sist

the others. It was far from certain

that the decisions in those four

actions would resolve any question to the effect of reducing signifi-cantly the time, effort and expense

to be incurred overall in the actions

in the group, particularly since no agreement existed between the

parties that any action or group of actions would be held as decisive of

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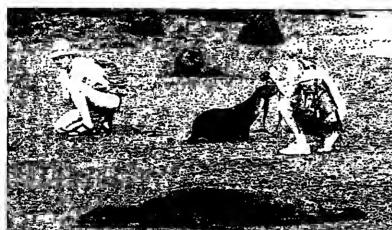
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strike-out attempt by Arthur Andersen in 1993; however, the launch of the second action in 1995 and its consolidation with the first

situations required a closer

pose of a prospectus to the Scots Law Report April 18 1996 Court of Session

Claims too various to allow lead actions

Anderson v Braer Corporation and Others Before Lord Gill

Hudgment March [4] The kinds of claims made by Shetland islanders in actions for physical and personal injuries arising out of the wreck of the Braer in 1993 were too various for 77 of them to be delayed while another four proceeded as leading

Lord Gill, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Sessium, so held, refusing a motion by Mr Christopher Anderson and 76 other persons for actions of repara-tion brought by them against the Braer Corporation, Assurance-foreningen Skuld (Gjensidig) and the International Oil Politation Compensation Fund to be sisted pending the outcome of actions brought against the same defenders by the firm of J. W. L. Black and others, Mr Magnus Burgess and Mr Martin Burgess.

Mr James Drummond Young, OC and Mr Raj Jandro for the pursuers: Mr Robert Howie for the first and second defenders: Mr Colin Campbell. QC, for the third

LORD GILL said that the actions before him were 77 of the 239 actions arising from the wreck of the oil tanker MV Rraer, which had been brought under the Alerchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) Act 1971. A group of &5 actions with which the court was presently concerned related largely to physical damage to asbestos and left roofs, but there were also various claims for personal injuries and a variety of agricultural claims. some of those cases had been

sisted to enable the pursuers to upply for tegal aid. Most of the other 154 actions were by fisher-154 actions were by fishermen or fish farmers.

Mr Campbell had informed his Lordship that the fund had paid out about E48 million on claims arising from the wreck. About £10 million remained available to me further claims. The total of all sums seed for in the actions before the court was about £80 million plus interest.

of all sums sued for was about £10 million plus interest. As a resul the third defenders had suspended payments out of the fund until all 239 actions were resolved. The proposal was that four actions should proceed as leading

actions in order to minimise the

ôme, effort and expense associated

In the group of 85 cases the total

with the others. However, Rule of Court 22.3(6) provided that the proper time for such a motion was after the closing the record. But even if his Lordship was wrong that the rule excluded any inherent discretion of the court to order a sist, the pursuers had not sarisfied him that the 81 actions arose out of the same

All of the actions originated in the spillage of oil from the Braer. but within them there were various types of claim; for example, damage 10 buildings and fences; damage to pastures and soils; damage to livestock, crops and fertilisers; landslides; physical injury; and the emergency transfer of children to the mainland.

Even within claims of the same generic type there were wide variations. For example, the physical effects claimed for were

leged to include upper respiratory tract damage, depression, hernia, ukers and a broken knee.

In the commonest head of claim.

damage to asbestos roof riles, there would be inevitable variations between cases in respect of the location of the property relative to the site of the spill; the construction, design and state of repair of the roof, and the element of betterment that might be involved in any repairs already undertaken. There might also be questions specific to individual cases as to

remoteness, pure economic loss and the like. Some of the actions involved claims by partnerships and would raise their own special The proposed leading actions accounted for only H of 45 separate heads of claim identified by the

third defenders. His Lordship was not satisfied

that in any of the four prospective ling actions there was any clear and concise question of fact or law

were granted, the parties would be free to adapt their legal and: evidential strategies in the sisted actions in the light of the ourcomes in the leading actions and no lord ordinary would be bound by any decision reached by a lord or dinary in any of the leading actions. The proposed sist might therefore delay rather than accelerate the resolution of the claims. Law agents: Campbell Smith & Co, WS: Henderson Boyd Jackson. WS: Morton Fraser & Milligan,

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movie heroes were immaculately groomed and wore its, shirts and ties. Now look Bruce Willis in Terry Giliam's unwieldy extravaarza, Twelve Monkeys. His head is shaved to reveal what Gillam has called "the most beautiful cranium in the word". A prisoner's number is samped above the left ear, a barode on the back of the neck Usually he wears grurge; sometimes, when imetravelling, he wears noth-

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The world he inhabits is scarely prettier. In 2035, according to the hideously com-plicated script by David and JanetPeoples, the one remaining per cent of a population wipel out by a virus lives undeground among darkness, rotting machinery and dripping water. Time-travelling loes not improve things. Hittig 1990 by mistake, Willis, playing an enforced volumer sent into the past to stop he virus at source, gets bunded into an asylum.

Reching 1996 and a Phila-delphia peeling with urban decay he gets on the track of a terroist group, the Army of the lwelve Monkeys, led by one of the asylum inmates, BradPitt. nutty son of virologist Christopher Plummer. The other big cast name jousting with fate is Madeleine Stow, a psychiatrist who specialises in the Cassandra compex - the agony of being unabe to prevent some dire futur event. Audiences may feel sime of this themselves as they watch Twelve Monkeys, so dazling in parts, grow ever

more unmanageable. None expects any Gilliam film to walk a straight line. But the criss-crossing time frams, mood swings and irrelwances in this script inspired by Chris Marker's 1902 sci-fi short La Jetée - Twelve Monkeys Warner West End

15, 129 mins Terry Gilliam's unwieldy extravaganza Smoke

Lumiere, 15, 100 mins Agreeable talk piece written by Paul Auster Unzipped

MGM Shaftesbury Ave 15. 74 mins Exuberant fashion documentary

Before and After Odeon Leicester Square 12, 108 mins Streep and Neeson get the glums

make the going more difficult than usual. Gilliam's directorial manner wreaks its own damage. He is one of the few film-makers around with a vision", and the absurd chaos of Twelve Monkeys is of a piece with the worlds of Brazil and The Fisher King. His films never grow organically. One sequence, designed with breathtaking panache, is piled on top of another, and the

tower topples over. Like some Gothic architects, Gilliam does not know when to stop. One instance: having allowed Pitt horrible freedom mad with gesticulating hands. he then shoots the asylum scenes through a distorting camera lens.

Luckily, other performers keep their heads. Willis's unheroic, vulnerable role may bernuse Die Hard fans, but the man deserves praise for tackling adventurous material. As always, Stowe is fascinating to watch - feisty, vulnerable, elegant and earthy all at once - although you never feel the flames of romance flicker between the two

stars. You never, in fact, feel much for the characters at all: partly because you can barely spot thent among the garbage. graffiti, time jumps and surre-

Gilliam hopes his film will give audiences the thrill of seeing something new. If spectacle were all we might well be thrilled; but if we want a film with a sense of purpose, control and a human heart, we must look elsewhere.

Perhaps to Smoke. Characters troop into Harvey Keilel's tobacconist's to buy supplies of the lethal weed. But the cigarettes in their mouths never stop them talking: Wayne Wang's agreeable if lightweight film coasts along on the dialogue of the fashionable novelist Paul Auster, who developed the script from a Christmas story he wrote for The New York Times.

Wang's usual stomping

ground is America's Chinese immigrant community. Here he falls into the Brooklyn melting pot, armed with stories about fathers, sons and widowers breaking free from a painful past with the help of friends and the quirks of fate. Keitel never quite convinces as a master of Brooklyn bonhomie, although it is cheering to find him fully dressed and not pumping people with bullets. Despite location shooting. Brooklyn itself seems less than the apartment of William Hurt's grieving novelist has "studio set" stamped all over it, while the desiccated air of Auster's talk belongs

more to smart Manhattan. The cast keeps you watching. Aside from Keitel and Hurt, you get Stockard Channing with an eyepatch. Forest Whitaker with a false arm, and Harold Perrineau, memorable as a boy running from gangsters with \$5,800 in cash. The characters weave in and out, talking, inhaling, spin-ning anecdotes. Nothing



amounts to much, but Smoke is never less than pleasant.

Documentary is such a grey word that it seems unfair to or, as Mizrahi puts it, "Giselle pin it to Unzipped, an exuber-meets Fred Flintstone". ant portrait of fashion designer Isaac Mizrahi as he whizzes about New York creating a new collection. A true child of America, Mizrahi ravenously feeds off movies, and gets the idea for his 1994 autumn show from a television screening of Flaherty's silent classic Nanook of the North, one of the most venerable documentaries of all. Another key influence is Loretta Young's appearance in Call of the Wild: although she's half-

eyeliner untouched, Eskimo fur meets Hollywood kitsch.

The last movie to ransack the fashion world, Altman's feeble Pret-a-Porter, took a sour view of things. But the director of Unzipped, fashion photographer Douglas Keeve, clearly relishes the peacock egos, the drudgery and madness required to mount a show, it's no easy task. Intransigent fabrics must be cut, tailored and cajoled. So must the models. who dislike Mizrahi's notion transparent screen. Then, worst blow of all. Jean Paul Gaultier comes out with his

Through all the torments

Mizrahi ploughs on: bubbling with humour and mimicry of movie stars. He's a great show in himself; and this joyful film, shot on the run with great panache by Ellen Kuras, does him proud.

The glum family drama Before and After does nobody proud, not its stars, Meryl Streep and Liam Neeson, nor its director, Barbet Schroeder. "I just want my boy back." Streep's paediatrician bleats. "I just want to hold him as her artist husband, wrenchsuggests severe stomach ache.

their teenage son. Edward Furlong, accused of murdering a local lass. Not that Furlong seems bothered: he bloss his copybook as a rising star by walking through in a lazy daze, scarcely raising his eyelids or opening his mouth. His opposite number is Alfred Molina, the family's Greek defence lawyer, who rolls his eyes, twitches a bushy moustache, and eats a sandwich that passed the continuity girl by: in one shot you see it, in another you don't. Oh well.

RADIO

Master with class

ehudi Menuhin is the cause of my taking up the violin as a boy and putting it down again a few years later, having made little discernible progress. I wanted to sound like him, bin he sounded so unlike me as to render the gap unbridgeable. Menuhin had an unfair advantage: he was a genius.

Next week Menuhin is 80, so Classic FM has gone to 10wn. Menuhin: Master Musician (Saturdays) is in its second week ... of 20. Each programme lasts an hour. This is the longest singlepersonality series Classic has mounted: 20 hours of Menuhin smacks of an overreaction to the common charge that Classic is a sampler station. So it will be interesting to

see if the series, written and presented by Humpitrey Burton, has legs, Menuhin was all of seven years old before he made his concert debut (with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra) so, musically, we are looking at a career which has lasted a mere 73 years. He

made his first record in 1028. Thus far the series looks extremely promising. The emphasis is on the music and not only that of Menuhin, How splendid to hear the sounds of his boyhood heroes. Heifetz and Kreisler, so rarely heard anywhere on radio nowadays.

Colleagues who report the criminal courts will be relieved to know that there is little risk of the luncheon recess being delayed on Wednesdays for the next five weeks. Chambers (Radio 4) is a new lunchtime comedy series which takes the legal

profession to the cleaners.

John Bird stars as John
Fuller Carp, a ruthless head of chambers who is determined to become a QC. In this pursuit Carp does not so much confront moral dilemmas as ave his spectacles at home in order not to see them. No wonder there are so many lawyers in the House of

Commons. The comedic tensions are provided by Carp's naive assistant, played by James Fleet, and Lesley Sharpe as Ruth Quirke, who joins the chambers intent on overhauling the entire legal system. The script is by Clive Coleman, a barrister and law lecturer, so he should know.

PETER BARNARD

Charming Smoke

Jame Lawson, 18: A very genre, charming film. Wellshot with wonderful dialogue. Jenry Dawson, 20: This was one of the most unusual films I've een for some time. Really goot, enhanced by Harvey Keitl and William Hurt's great performances.

Thomas Stevens, 18: Uneventful, eel-good movie. Although the acting was superb, it was trit and a little dull.

Chis Rushbrook, 18: Enjoyabl — simply but effectively

UNZIPPED

How lead action

Janie: I don't usually like doumentary films, but this was an exception. The number of stars that appeared was

anazing.

Jenny: It provides an inspiring and frantic insight into the

world of fashion. This modelfilled movie was fast and witty and well worth seeing. Thomas: There were funny moments and the film was well directed, but on the whole it wasn't particularly interesting or likeable.

Chris You have to know something about the fashion people in New York to fully understand it. The idea of mixing monochrome and colour didn't really work, but the use of old clips was groovy!

CONCERT

On the Holloway road

LONDON has heard two major orchestral premieres a week apart. Robin Holloway's Third Concerto for Orchestra. aunched at the Barbican on Tuesday in the wake of an important new John Casken piece at the Festival Hall, was on first hearing the less interesting of the two, though one performance of such an ambitious 45-minute piece is no basis for final judgment.

Few performances are likely to be more persuasive, however. The London Symphony Orchestra gave its consider-able best to Michael Tilson Thomas, who conducted with impressive control. He found plenty of atmospheric effects in the scoring - for large orchestra with prominent perLSO/Tilson Thomas

frozen in the tundra, the

Barbican cussion, piano, celesta and harp - but too few arresting ideas for such a long piece.
Indeed, it sounds like a

composition "about" composing. There are few obvious external impulses, even if inirial inspiration came from a South American journey 15 years ago. Early sketches were lost through the theft of his bag in La Paz. and now Holloway derives nearly all his material from a pair of interlocking thirds, which metamorphose in every pos-sible way. He has admitted it to be an attempt at something avant-garde: previous works have lound him torn between modernist and Neo-Romantic opposites: this piece falls nondescriptly in between.

After a mysterious, darklycoloured opening pregnant with promise, the first movement is little more than a dense though smoothly flowing "texture-piece". The Chaconne that follows is the most structured movement in a tightly organised work. But not until the third movement does anything memorable happen: shimmering textures are gathered up in appealing. shifty tango rhythms.

Holloway's new work took him 13 years to complete, so perhaps Beethoven, for whom composition was always a tortuous struggle, made good complementary programming. But listening to this performance of the Emperor Piano Concerto was not easy. either: Barry Douglas was a wilful soloist who opened a wide stylistic gap between himself and the orchesua.

JOHN ALLISON





■ CHOICE 1

Mike Nichols makes his British stage debut at the National

VENUE: In preview at the Cottesloe



■ CHOICE 2

Niamh Cusack opens the RSC Stratford season in As You Like It

VENUE: In preview at the Royal Shakespeare





VIDEOS Ken Loach's fine Spanish Civil War epic, Land and Freedom, comes to



■ RECORDS

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MUSIC ON THE SOUTH BANK: Riccardo Muo makos a welcome return to the Fostival Half (7.30pm), alter an eight-year absence to conduct the Philiharmonia Orchestra and Chorus Philharmonia Orchestra and Chorus in Haydris great Symphony No 48, Mana Theresia, and Chembrin's Mess, in D minor Over at the Queen Elizabeth Hail (Bpm), the vocal group Stintonye and members of the Oxford Carls Chort sing extraordinary and virtuosic fluorgeal chain from Hidegerd of Bingen's song-cycle Symphonia. South Benki, London SE1 (0171-980 4242) Tonighi. (§)

4242) Torught. 🔊 42421 Torigin. (g)
THE DESIGNATED MOURNER. The American actor and film director Mike Nichols makes his British acting debut in Wallace Shawn's naw play. Miranda Richardson is the woman form between her tather and another man. With David de Vayser. David Hare directs. National (Cortesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Proviews begin toright. 8pm; mat Sat 4pm. Opens Apr 24. Then In rep. (g)
TARTUFFE Ian McDiermid and Tom.

TARTUFFE Ian McDiermid and Tom TARTUFFE Ian McDermid and Tom Hollander, with Peggy Mount for good measure, in Jonathan Nert's production of Molese's tart cornecty on religious folities.

Almelda, Armeda St, Ni (0171-359 4404). Previews begin tonight, Spirr, mais Sat 4pm. Opera Apr 23, Tom Then Mori-Sat 8pm, mai Sat 4pm. (§)

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COMPANY Adman Lester Sheda Geth Sophie Thompson in an excellent slaging of Sondheim's bittersweet musical on mamage, pro and contra Albery St Martin 5 Lane, WC2 (011) 369 11301, Mon-Sat, 7 45pm, mats Wed and Sat 30pm.

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NELLY AND MONSIEUR ARNAUD Claude Sautet's marvellously bild tale about an older man and a younger woman, with Michel Semault and Emmanuelle Béan

TODAY'S CHOICE

compiled by Gillian Maxey

piano. The programme includes works by Brahms, Barok, Beethoven. by pranns, barick, beenloved, weighted and De Sarasale, including the sazting Carmen lantasy.
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LEICESTER Howard Berward latest rework on a classic lad comes up with (Uncle) Varrya in which the lamous guishol does not miss its larget, and

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessmen of theatre showing in London

□ MISS JULIE: Polly Teale directs Susan Lynch in the ride rate of Simicrosing's grama of eroice doorn With John Harman and Cara Helly, Young Vic. The Cut. SET 10171-928 6363) Mun-Sat. 130pm may Set 3 30pm Last week. 5

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perhaps unwisely, to make peace with his estranged son. Edward Hall directs a company that includes Nigel Davenport **Richmond** The Green Richmond (0181-940 0093). Tonight-Sat 7 45pm, mars Wed and Sat 2 30pm. THE THICKNESS OF SKIN Final wool for Clare McInnyle's strong, perceptive play about the analyzard consequences of becomes a few and the consequences of the consequenc

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A daily guide to arts and entertainment

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Passions of war vividly evoked NEW ON VIDEO

■ LAND AND FREEDOM Fox Guild, 15, 1995

IN Ken Loach's hands the Spanish Civil War leaps out of 1930s history books to become a maner of burning importance. lan Hart's idealistic Liverpool lad sets off to fight for the republicans. Experience tempers him into a hard revolutionary fighter. Then comes disillusionment Loach and writer Jim Allen give a human dimension to political discourse, working in humour and a dollop of romance. For Loach, this counts as an epic instead of housing estates or pubs, he has massed extras and landscapes to explore. But there are no epic gestures: the camera stays tight on faces, and the hopes and follies they reveal. Available to rent.

THE RED SHOES Carlton, U. 1948

EXTRACT just the story and you are left with cliches about the rising ballerina (Moira Shearer) and her jealous. Svengali-like impresario (An-ton Walbrook). But the strength of Powell and Pressburger's film lies elsewhere. in its courageous blending of cinema and ballet, and its potent fairy-tale atmosphere. Memorable music by Brian Easdale.

M MORTAL KOMBAT First Independent, 15, 1995

CINEMA version of the video game. all fights and special effects. The goodies are three earthlings: a hesitant expert in martial arts, a vainglorious actor, and a tough-minded girl with a useful penchant for figure-hugging clothes. The baddies are extraterrestrial bozos under an evil sorcerer's thumb. Paul Anderson's noisy action movie at least moves along and keeps a self-mocking tone, though with ChrisEnd of illusions: ideological splits in the Left lead to savage confrontation in Ken Loach's Land and Freedon

never know how much humour is planned and how much accidental. Available to rent.

and the cast is fascinating: Karloff aside you get Ernest Thesiger. Cedric Hardwicke and, in his film debut.

Cariton, U. 1933

BORIS KARLOFF returned from his horror triumphs in America to make this slow-moving British chilier about an Egyptologist who believes a jewel holds the key to eternal life. Alfred Junge's sets and Gunther Krampf's topher Lambert's laidback guru you photography lend a Germanic gloom,

Ralph Richardson.

THE SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR Connoisseur, U. 1967

DUSAN MAKAVEJEV was the bright hope of Yugoslav cinema in the late 1960s. making provocanve films bouncing with political analysis and the absurdity of life. This is his second.

tracing the tragi-comic affair bettern a liberated telephone girl and her pore. conservative lover, a sanitary intrector. Makavejev loves the collage effect, and flings into the story lecture on criminology, sex and rat-catching, newsreel footage and erotic painings: The mix is still stimulating, thought is hard to escape melancholy thoights about the subsequent fate of Yugsiavia and the director's decline in elle.

GEOFF BROWN

NEW CLASSICAL CDS: Haydn's surprise; recognition for Ethel Smyth; 50 years of the WNO

ences in 1890 - she had been

studying in Leipzig, first at the

Conservatoire and then pri-

CHAMBER

Hilary Finch

HAYDN Quartets Op 33 Ouatuor Mosaiques Anvidis Astree E 8509***

HAYDN touted his six Op 33 Quartets on a special subscription offer as they were written 'in a new and special way". He had to do his own marketing, of course, but it had been nearly ten years since his last set, and these new works certainly held a surprise or nvo. The Quattion Mosaiques, with their period instruments, offer three of the six here and, in countless details of accenting, phrasing and timing, they really do make the unexpected in Hayda's writing feel truly

unpredictable once again. Everything scems a sur-prise in the Third Quartet: a dark-hued Scherzo after a buoyant opening movement turns to the harmonic new dawn of the slow movement

earned the Second Quartet its nickname. "The Joke". ORCHESTRAL

Barry Millington

before the presto pirouening

of the finale. Here, too, is the

new, spacious slow-movement

style in the Fifth Quartet, and

the stop-start finale which

SMYTH Serenade: Concerto for Violin. Horn and Orchestra Langdon/Watkins/BBC Philharmonic/Martinez Chandos CHAN 9119*** IF THE music of Ethel Smyth has been taken increasingly seriously over recent years, it is thanks in no small measure to the endeavours of the conductor Odaline de la Martinez. Her performance of the

was a landmark and now she presents two more of Smyth's works in premiere recordings. The Serenade in D was the work with which Smyth first appeared before English audi-

opera The Wreckers at the

Proms a season or two ago

vately with Heinrich von Herzogenberg. A chief influence on Smyth at this time was undoubtedly Brahms: she had met and been encouraged by him. The Serenade belongs to the world of the Brahms Serenades and Second Symphony: its textures glow, with radiant strings infused by horns. Marrinez and the BBC Philharmonic capture that ef-

Chandos engineers. The Concerto for Violin. Horn and Orchestra is a much later piece (1927). The outer movements are bolder conceptions than the Serenade, more ambinous, though the lyricism is still there, especially in the solo writing - Sophie Langdon (violin) and Richard Watkins (horn) both play with consummare eloquence and skill. The central Adagio is a tender, heartwarming movement. It is good to have these

fulgence, aided by a typically

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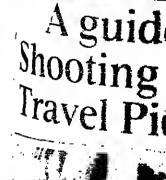
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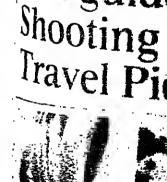
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OPERA: Sterling performances cannot save WNO's half-baked production; a cautious debut at the Garden

Victorian Faust bedevilled by design

he Welsh National Opera has had the bright idea of performing Tuesday's fiftieth anniversary production of Goumod's opera in the nearcontemporary - 1864 - English translation by Henry Chorley. To hear such legendary lines as "All hail, thou dwelling pure and lowly", familiar from countless old recordings, is really rather charming, and of course the Victorian syntax fits Gounod's music like a glove. This practice could well spread, though some even earlier versions, such as the famous Freischütz with its whence gottest thou such won-drous balls?", might need tactful editing for today's

Sadly WNO has not quite come up with an 1860-ish per-

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Faust New, Cardiff

formance to match. Sir Charles Mackerras plainly loves the score - could any musician fail - and revels in its rich sonorities, its wealth of melody, its unashamed sentiment. At times his love carries him away: he both lingers unduly over the more glutinous moments, and tends to hurry the sprightlier numbers - the Kermesse chorus and the Waltz go at breakneck speeds, allowing little opportunity for shapely phrasing or nuance. There is little Gallic fragrance or delicacy to his reading,

and the fat, juicy sound he draws from the orchestra drags the music forward by about 40 years, nearer Mahler than that of Goonod. This has an effect on the singing. The chorus, especially, sing loud, and then louder - impressive, but there is opportunity for more light and shade. Some of the principals, too, might sing even more expressively were they not so conscious of the barrage of sound to be surmounted. Jason Howard's Valen-

growing worryingly dry and Janice Watson, a soprano who really sings words, makes a lovely

tine, sung at a steady double forte, is

case in point, and his tone

Margarita: Mackerras was at his most considerate in the Jewel Song, nursing her through a wintily thrown-off account of this barely defensible showpiece, and she found plenty of good, solid tone for the Church Scene and final trio.

Paul Charles Clarke (Fausti virtually disarmed all crincism with his mezzoforie top C diminuendo-ing down to nothing in "All hail" - a moment of pure magic - but I trust he will find more variety of dynamic as the run progresses, and drop his new mannerism of cutting off loud notes with a sort of glottal stop (leave that kind of thing to Pavarotti on a bad night). Alastair Miles, after

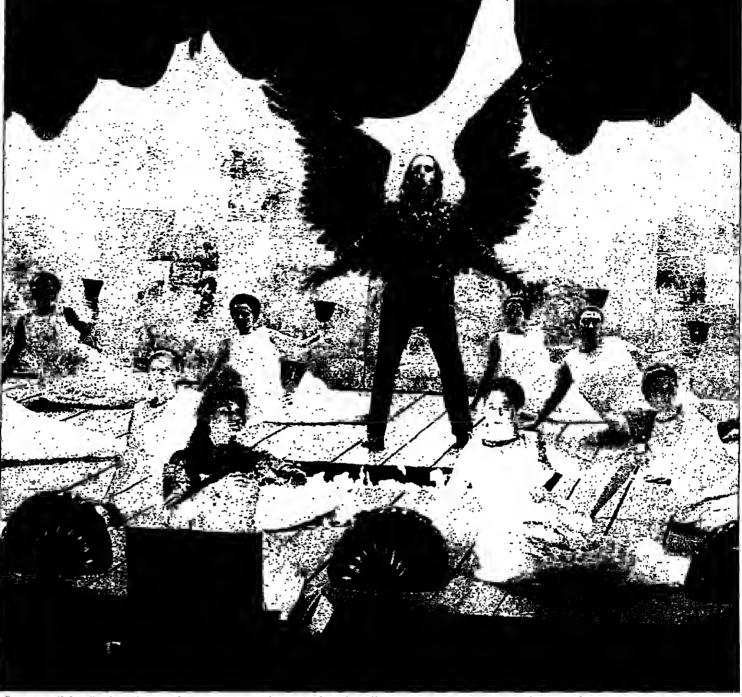
years of singing the sort of roles even young basses are priests, heavy fathers

and so on - thoroughly enjoyed wrapping himself round Mephistopheles in an instinctively stylish performance. Oh dear, the production. Christo-

pher Alden's WNO Turandot, interesting in parts, led me to remark that "he who strives may be forgiv-en". little suspecting how much would need to be forgiven, and how soon. This Faust, in plug-ughy decor by Bruno Schwengl, locked like a sty parody of bad "concept" stagings. Cliche was piled on cliche: shiny black costumes all round. long-haired wigs making everyone look like Irish setters. zombie-like slow motion, especially when the

The tiny role of Martha (Susan Gorton) was mysteriously beefed up she became Mephisto's accomplice, Margarita's midwife and exe-cutioner. Siebel (Joanne Edworthy, miscast) had to drag half a tree on stage, not a bouquet. Margarita walked on water. Wow! Ideas proposed in the programme — a Grimes-ish persecution scenario, a rueful fallen-angel persona for Mephisto - were not put across in the staging. To call it all half-baked would be a slander on culinary art.

RODNEY MILNES



Faust as clické: Janice Watson (front) as Margarita and Alastair Miles as an "instinctively stylish" Mephistopheles in WNO's staging

Tithout a star soprano in the title role, Arabella, the gentle Strauss-Hofthe title role, Arabella, mannsthal comedy of Viennese the box office. But this Covent Garden revival has turned out a success and credit is due to Mark Elder. At the Coliseum he showed himself a fine Strauss conductor and his Arabella at the other place now puts a triple underlining on

that reputation.

The right measure of sugar is sprinkled on the waltzes, Arabelia's supreme self-confidence amidst her tatty family is lyrically conveyed. The orchestra is finally unleashed in the stormy prehide to Act III, reflecting Mandryka's furious journey to the hotel of his bride-to-be.

THIS is the second Miss Julie to have been staged in London within two

capital in the past 18 months, a

revival rate high enough to demand

an explanation. Could the reason be

that Strindberg addresses the contra-dictions of gender — a fashionable subject nowadays — as robustly as he

does the everlasting complexities of

class? Maybe; but I think it more

likely that actresses itch to perform

the "half-woman, half-man" at the play's centre, and producers are only too happy to indulge them. After all,

they need only pay for one set, three performers, and maybe a few extras

to rampage across the stage when the

Count's valet Jean is seducing his

By all accounts, you would not know from Polly Teale's revival of the

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MONTREAL'S Les Grands

daughter, Julie herself.

Shade steps warily into the limelight

Or not to be in his current mood. So

Covent Garden bouse for this performance, which brought the American soprano. Ellen Shade, in for her Garden debut. She is big-boned, with the saucer eyes of that famed Arabella. Kiri Te Kanawa: she carries herself and her mid-19th century costumes well; but she lacks the vocal radiance for the role and especially the flash of girlish exu-

Arabella

In a cautious performance, where she was at pains to prevent her voice splaying in the upper register. Shade was at her best in the central act. The brief duet, pledging love to Mandryka, was tenderly done and her dismissal of the three suitors. with a farewell waltz apiece, properly imperious. Quite right too the trio of counts are the weakness of

the revival. But Shade lacks the vocal artillery for the closing scene. designed to sweep Mandryka and the whole audience off their collec-

Around her are outstanding performaoces from the likes of Stafford Dean, as a Father up to his epaulettes in gambling debts; Christiane Oelze, who makes an alluring Zdenka, and Herbert Lippert as Matteo, a young bullock in the Viennese old china shop.

But towering over all is Wolfgang Brendel's Mandryka. As he pre-pares Arabella for the Croatian forests, he might even persuade her that there is indeed a world beyond

JOHN HIGGINS

POP

Heaven, if not Nirvana

DESPITE being based in Seanle and recording three al-bums between 1988 and 1993. the Posies were never considered to be part of the grunge scene. It is surprising that any Seattle-based band could remain so unaffected by that particular era, much less one like the Posies, who have an almost Nirvana-like gift for playing highly melodic but

ultra-heavy guitar pop. Built around singer-guitarists Jon Auer and Ken

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Stringfellow, the Posies seem to change their rhythm section every time they make a new album. For their fourth and latest. Amazing Disgrace, they recruited bassist Joe Skyward and drummer Brian Young, who kept to the back of the stage while Auer and Stringfellow took it in turns to sing lead vocals.

First. Auer sang the free floating Dream all Day, one of the highlights of the 1993 album, Frosting On The Beater. Then Stringfellow sang Ontario, the first of several songs from Amazing Disgrace. The new songs revealed a rockier, more hard-edged side to the Posies, with Daily Mutilation, in particular, revolving around a huge grind-

ing riff.
All four members of the band were dressed in blue Tshirts bearing the name Eugenius - a tribute to the Scottish hand fronted by Eugene O'Neill who, despite being an acknowledged influence on Kurt Cobain, has managed to remain even less well-known than the Posies O'Neili was rewarded when Stringfellow dedicated Eorlier thon Expected to his band, its singalong harmonies and noisy hail of guitars demonstrating exactly what O'Neill, Cobain and the Posies themselves have in common.

They finished the set with four of their most gloriously melodic songs, including the much requested Solor Sister. On a night like this, the Posies barrage of noise and Beatle-style melodies provided the perfect link between grunge and Britpop.

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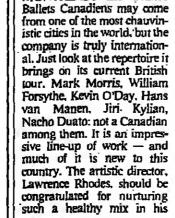
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The feather in his cap must be the commissioning of Mark Morris, one of the hottest choreographers in the business. The American has made

Out of the gender blender THEATRE

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was meant to owe much more to gritty reality than to tradition and theatrical convention.

But here the kitchen in which the play occurs has become a weird aluminium cell. There is a door at the back through which yellow light glares, and scrims to the side behind which grotesque figures may sometimes be seen. Peter Lindford's Jean is glimpsed more or less raping Kate Fenwick's Julie after a not-inappropriate prelude of loud bangs. Indeed. bangs are the least of the atmosphere-building noises on offer. We also get heavy breathing, clangs, rumbles, sinister gurgles, the sound of a radio being ineptly tuned, and electronic screeches, whistles, creaks,

plonks and growls galore. This is not exactly raw realism as Strindberg received it from Zola. The acting is deliberately over-the-top too. There are times when Fenwick and,

especially. Lindford seem to be harking back to the very flamboyance of style the naturalists wanted to replace. "Take me away from this filth I'm sinking into," she wails after her seduction as she slides, eyes mad and hands pumping, down the wall to the ground. As for him, he twitches and squirms with febrile servility. more the hunted Uriah Heep or even the cornered Quasimodo than a

macho Jeeves going through a challenging time.
Still, yesterday's realism is today's artificiality, and maybe Strindberg's original performers were more exotic than we like to believe. Moreover, I must admit that both actors grew on me as the evening rolled to its grim conclusion. They did, after all, combine huge emotional commitment with constant hints of the sexual doubts and social insecurities working away inside them. Do they miss some of the play's psychological subtleties? Yes: but they also release Strindberg from over-literal, overscrupulous interpretation of his own dramatic ideas.

> BENEDICT **NIGHTINGALE**



Not as nature intended? Kale Fenwick and Peter Lindford in Miss Julie

DANCE: An eclectic and electric programme bounces in from Montreal

International mix and match

two works for Les Grands Ballets; the second received its London premiere on Tuesday night. Quincunx, as its name implies, is inspired by mathematical formation. By using nine dancers instead of eight. Morris is able to group them asymmetrically: the doublesided perspectives he achieves

are where the beauty and wit of this delightful ballet lie. These are classically trained dancers and the language Morris uses is theirs, but his is a relaxed approach to discipline. He expects his performers to bubble and bounce as they

leap into his dances Quincunx well, although I suspect they would be even happier with a live rendition of Donizetti to bol-

ster their ebullience. Kevin O'Day's Principia is another work dancers should love. Set to music by Steve Martland (again taped), it is a

slick and snap-Les Grands py series of dances for four **Ballets Canadiens** couples. It Sadler's Wells should be --

after spending springing jetés. The troupe all those years dancing for Twyla Tharp, O'Day must have learnt a thing or two about nimble and sophisticated choreography. His own style is breezy rather than brazen, well suited to the slightly modest demeanour of

the Montreal troupe.

two at Sadler's Wells) also featured a short duet for two men by the Israeli choreographer Itzik Galili. Exploring the contrasting facets of a male relationship, Double Time also proved - when it finally got going - to be an interesting study in balance.

Hans van Manen's Black Cake, on the other hand, turned out to be not at all interesting. It was created to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of Nederlands Dans The-The programme (the first of after in 1989. You can tell that it

is a party: the women are in high heels and black sequinned frocks: a waiter brings champagne. But the choreographed interplay between couples is banal; a comic routine between mismatched dancers only reminds one that Kenneth MacMillan did it better in Elite Syncopations, and the protracted drunk scene at the end (accompanied by Massenet's Meditation) provided a ludicrous and irritating finale to what had been an evening of choreographic felicity.

And what a shame it was that this was the only piece to feature live music - the wonderful Royal Ballet Sin-

DEBRA CRAINE

Malcolm Bradbury admires John Updike's ambitious chronicle of America's moral and metaphysical history in the 20th century

s the years have rolled by, John Updike -- who started A out as the grand master of the finessed short story, and a perfect New Yorker miniaturist lias become, over more than 40 books, the great chronicler of contemporary America. Back in 1908 Couples daringly sommoned up the sexual and religious crisis of the day, against the background of a darkening history which brought a touch of despair to the perfect, sensual couples of his earlier stories. By this date too he had already begun his "Rabbit" series of novels which - over four volumes, 30 years in the writing became the story of an imperfect, ordinary, very human American hero whose life told the tale of a

whole disappointed generation. An even larger intention underpins In the Beauty of the Lilies. which is in many respects Updike's most ambitious novel yet. Heavily researched and documented, it is the story of four generations of an American Protestant family, manifestly meant as the story of the moral and metaphysical history of America itself. It starts on a spring day in Patterson, New Jersey, just outside

New York City, where, even as

IN THE BEAUTY OF THE LILIES By John Updike Hamish Hamilton, Elő

Mary Pickford is making a silent historical movie for Griffith, and falling off her horse in the process, a Presbyterian minister, the Reverend Clarence Wilmot, who has exposed himself to the modern forces of reason and science, sickeningly feels the draining away of his religious faith.

Honorably resigning his very comfortable vocation, Wilmot becomes an ineffectual salesman of popular encyclopaedias in a Patterson now suffering a still-famous strike in its silk-mills, the defeat of which marked a triumph for modern American capitalism. He soon becomes a defeated, forsaken figure, haunting the movie houses

Influenced by his father's fail-

Tommy rejects the chance of life in booming commercial Twenties Manhattan, choosing instead the path of minimal damage". He retreats with the family to become a mailman

in the small-town of Basingstoke, Delaware, finally marrying the club-footed daughter of a market gardener. Movies, too, are

the best way out of Delaware. Their lively, energetic daughter Essie does a spell of dubious modelling in New York, and eventually makes it to Hollywood, where she becomes a beautiful screen god-dess (Alma DeMott) playing opposite Gable and Crosby. As post war history unrolls — the super-power age, the Eisenhower years, McCarthyism — she moves from



John Updike: sensitive to the sensuality of everyday life

tarnished ingenue to big-screen harlot, making many marriages. growing more obsessed by her image, telling through her movie performances the story of her own

and America's ageing.

The cycle is completed by her one son. Clark. A neglected Hollywood brat. he inherits his grandorado's hippy skidrawn into a fundamentalist religious community, run by a charismatic who David Koresh, and becomes the sect's

PR man. God has -returned to America with a millennialist vengeance: the story ends with a government siege and the torching of In a good num-

Updike has explored the fate of faith and its secular alternatives in his religious nation, founded on Protestant dreams and still seeking new Utopias. This is his most ambitious vision of the subject yet, exploring, in the big scale, the spirit of a secularising nation in which divine promises are constantly sullied, but never quite

Between God and Hollywood the Reverend Wilmor's pained and yet clear-minded understanding of the modern challenge to faith and Jessie Smith's vengeful and paranoid Utopia is a measure of the distance travelled, and of the contemporary confusions of the American dream.

Updike is here the grand chronicler, he's a devout local chronicler as well. He once said the impulse of his writing was towards "in-stinctive realism" and now his work has become almost Victorian

Once his writer's sensuality largely went into the world of couples, and their couplings. Now it spreads into the physical stuff of daily existence: the stained glass windows of a presbytery, its staircases and knotted newel posts, the savour of a Twenties drugstore, the motion on a trolleycar filled street, the hard work of a market garden, all get his best attention. The research is loving. solid. Oddly, the driest and least convincing segment is about Hollywood and the movie industry. the finest, most felt scenes are those of Wilmot's religious crisis. which come alive as the crisis of a

generation and an age.

Modernist critics used to condemn the extended family saga as the "burgher novel", a traditional and Victorian form. Yet several writers of our generation - Rob ertson Davies, for instance - have revived it, finding it a living way to explore the equation of history, social detail and the evolution of moral existence in a fast-changing

n this sense Updike - a writer of enormous skills, capable of a wide range of forms - has reverted to something that is classic and traditional in the novel. and some admirers will no doubt prefer earlier and more flambouant books. But In the Beauty of the Lilies - the title comes from The Battle Hymn to the Republic - is also a novelist's lovingly regis-tered, epical narrative of a 20thcentury America caught between God and celluloid dreams, Victorian certainty and modern doubt the new humanism and a grim millennial rage. It takes its place among his finest books

Struggle to be at ease in Zion

there is no place which arouses such deep, fanancal feelings as does .lerusalcm," observed a former deputy mayor of the holy city. Meron Benvenisti. "There is no other place where une feels the tragedy of nvo nations fighting for their homeland more than in Jerusalem ... He who decides to judge between the two sides must remember that only in fairy-tales is one side all good and the other all bad."

For these reasons, no other capital so small that some cutsiders (notably Jewish residents of Tel Aviv) refer to it as provincial has anracted such a dazzling array of chroniclers. The latest to join a line which in the past 30 years has seen disringuished contributions from authors as varied as Saul Bellow, Colin Thubron and Amos Elon. is Sir Martin Gilbert, famous as the biographer of one of Britain's most ardem, non-Jewish Zionists.

Winston Churchill. Gilbert makes no bones about his own identification with the Zionist cause, while taking Benvenisti - whom he quotes at length - to heart by not trying to disguise some of the uglier aspects of Israel's struggle to retain control over what most politicians claim is Christopher Walker

JERUSALEM IN THE 20TH CENTURY By Martin Gilbert Charlo & Windus, £20

its "eternal and undivided" capital. We learn that the young Gilbert first arrived in 1971 and two years later was performing the unenviable iask, undertaken by a number of Jewish student volunteers. of going to break the news to parents bereaved in the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

Impeccably timed for publication less than a month before negotiations on the final status of Jerusalem are due to open between Israel and the Palestinians, the final part of Gilbert's fascinating and admirably readable twovolume history is essential and enjoyable background material. Anyone wanting to understand the Jewish side of arguments that are certain to grab headlines and could, if not resolved, threaten another war more dangerous than the five already fought since the foundation of the Jewish state 48 years ago, is recommended

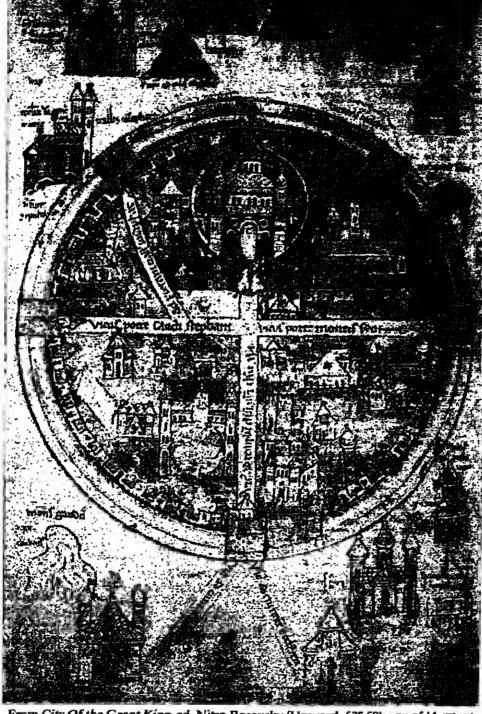
the equally potent Arab case as to why annexed east Jerusalem should become capital of a future Palestinian state and the reason why millions of Muslims profess a willingness to fight a jihad to bring that about, other works are required. Gilbert's publishers do him a disservice by linking his richly sourced history with the overhyped Jerusalem 3,000 celebrations, a shabby public relations stunt ignored by most of the world and even shunned by many Jews. Sup-posedly celebrating the 3,000th anniversary of the founding of the kingdom of David, even the date 1996 is widely disputed. Gilbert gives the game away when he reveals that similar third millennium celebrations were held in 1953-54.

But for an understanding of

ilben's Jerusalem in the 20th Century is at its unhappiest when he dons his propagandist's hat and uses shamelessly selective quotations to back his advocacy of continued Israeli sovereignty over east Jerusalem, conquered from Jordan in 1967, and still unrecognised by all but a handful of governments (which is why all the major embassies are an hour's drive away in Tel Aviv). The book is at its best, and

in my experience, unmatched for sheer breadth of acutely observed historical detail. when charting the breathtaking pace of events from the twilight of Turkish rule through the British mandate and the ruthless terrorist campaign against it by two Jewish underground groups — each including a future Israeli Prime Minister — to the bloody birth of the state and the continuing violence, despite the faint rays of hope prompted by the 1993 peace accord, between Israel and the Palestinians.

As well as dealing with the political and religious aspects of the Jerusalem question, Gilbert employs his masterly



From City Of the Great King, ed. Nitza Rosovsky (Harvard, £25.50): one of 14 extant Crusader maps showing the streets of 12th-century Jerusalem in the form of a cross

control over anecdote and able lyricism: "Not the hope-prodigious researching ener-less beauty of Venice, the gies (or perhaps those of his wife, Susie) to produce a compulsive portrait of life there at different periods of the

20th century. He records the hilarity engendered when the British decided to move Government House to the unfortunatelynamed Hill of Evil Counsel, so catled because Judas had sold Jesus there for 30 pieces of silver. He quotes the first British military governor of Jerusalem, Colonel Ronald Storrs, who captured the city's elusive charm with remark-

embalmed majesty of Thebes, the abandon of Ferrara, or the melancholy of Ravenna," he confided to his diary in 1917. But something past yet unalloyed and throbbing, that seems to confound ancient and modern, and to undate record-

ed history. Although the two recent Islamic suicide bombs were too late for inclusion, Gilbert has the perspicacity to grasp the significance of what is perhaps the ugliest phenome-non in the Arab-Jewish violence which overshadows

every chapter. He quotes the Palestinian recruiter in a similar attack in 1995 as telling his interrogators cynically: "Ha-mas does not waste senior ntembers with proven military successes on suicide missions. Our suicide bombers are merely huntan fuses replacing chemical or electrical

While recognising the extraordinary passions pro-voked by the city immortalised for Israelis in the haunting song Jerusalem of Gold. Gil-bert provides linle reassurance that they can be

Putting on the brakes

ftortlessly, it seems, Mi-lan Kundera has estab-lished himself in the West as both a highly popular and a highly admired writer. His curious blend of Czech brashness, sexual explicitness and 18th-century cool has en-deared itself to a public frightened of the supposed ausiernies of High Modernism and bored by novels still written as though nothing had happened, in the world or in the history of the form, since

Dickens and Thackeray.
Kundera has been living in
Paris for a considerable time now, and has been crincised in his native country for his apparent lack of interest in publicly standing up to com-munism and his determination to remain an exile. But Kundera is more like Nabokov than like Havel or Grass, aloof, ironic, drawing on Kaf-ka, Broch and Musil as well as the 18th century in his battle against bad faith in both the

public and the private realms.
His last book, Immortality, was much his best, and it is no coincidence that it was the first to be set in his adopted, not his narive, land. As with Nabokov in Lolita, the struggle to come to terms with an alien world led to a new openness, a new generosity, both moral and formal. The present book, though, his first novel to be written in French, is a major disappointment.

Driving with his wife to a country hotel, an old château, the author becomes aware of the mania for speed that seems to seize the French when they motorbike. Arrived at the hotel. he meditates on the contrast between this modern phenomenon and the 18thcentury quest for slowness. More than a quest, an entire philosophy. And he recalls a story by an 18th-century writer about a night of love, set in this very same château and its grounds, where the refusal of immediate consummation is precisely the point, a work

both erotic and wise. He lets his mind wander over the character and deeds of various Frenchmen he knows, and recalls another story about a night spent in a château, this time in the course of a meeting of an entomologists' convention, which rea-ches its climax in a farcical series of erotic encounters. We move in and out of the 18th

Gabriel Josipovici

SLOWNESS By Milan Kundera Faber, £12.99

and 20th century narratives, in and out of the mind of the author and his wife as they settle in, until the moment when they leave the next day.

The book starts promisingly enough, with its meditation on speed and slowness, but, as so. often with Kundera, his desire to have it both ways, to tickle the reader with the promise of sexual high-jinks and at the same time to distance himself ironically from such writing. completely backfires. The book trails_off into a weak



Kundera: aloof and ironic

farce, bereft of ideas or feelings. It is not so much offensive as tedious, even though it is barely over 100 pages long.

In Immortality Kundera's admirable gift for revealing the bad faith behind all romantic posturings was offset by his own awareness of the complexity of human character and his evident love for some of the people he had invented. Here there is nothing but coldness and distaste, and his desire to have the reader see the book as a latterday Rasselas or Les Bijoux Indiscrets only draws attention to the gulf between himself and Johnson and Diderot.

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To say that Linda Asher's translation doesn't help matters is an understatement. I have never come across a book more badly translated. It is an absolute disgrace and Faber should ask themselves how they ever let it see the light of day in this form.

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Wanted: spoons, porter, Bible

TWO DAYS after his wedding. Coleridge wrote to his friend, the publisher Joseph Cottle, asking him to furnish a list of household requirements. On the list, between "two large tin spoons" and "a keg of porter, he asks for a Bible. Religion, as much as food and drink, was part of the fabric of his life.

Crincism of the poet disregards this at its own peril. Ted Hughes admits it only to regurgitate the conventional view of Coleridge as a man killed by metaphysics. In A Choice of Coleridge's Verse he posits a Christian Coleridge and a Pagan Coleridge, and tries to explain all in terms of their conflict.

His method is to seize on a few of the metaphors which Coleridge employed to define his thought and to relate those metaphors to "the cult of the Female in religious tradition". More supernatural biology than literary criticism, full of stuff about shamans and cauldrons and orifices, alligators in rut and other lust-mad giant repules, the result is not

Robert Nye A CHOICE OF

COLERIDGE'S VERSE Edited and Introduced by Ted Hughes Faber, £7.99, paperback Original

COLERIDGE Selected Poems Edited by Richard Holmes HarperCollins, (20)

so much Xanadu as Jurassic Park. Certainly it tells more about Hughes than it does about Coleridge. No credit is iven to Robert Graves's The White Goddess (1948), though its shadow lies on every page,

Hughes follows fashion by insisting that Coleridge's best work was done between 1797 and 1798, ignoring the fact that The Rime of the Ancient Mariner did not reach its final form until 1817 and that even Kubla Khan was probably being altered as late as 1816. Containing only 27 poems, his

selection concentrates on the "visionary" Coleridge and more or less ignores the Coleridge of the confessional and conversational poems.

Textually unreliable, the book omits the last lines of The Pains of Sleep, so readers will not hear one of the most moving and revealing of Coleridge's cries: "To be beloved is all I need.! And whom I love. I love indeed".

Richard Holmes's Coleridge: Selected Poems is a more serious piece of work. Holmes has been engaged for a decade on a biography of Coleridge - the second volume is due to appear next year. This selection grew natu-rally out of his research on that biography. He tells us how he carried photocopied poems about with him in a battered folder which became a "private, travelling edition of what I loved best and what

ridge's haunting work". Briefly. Holmes wants to transform Coleridge's reputation by means of this selection of 101 poems, thematically

intrigued me most about Cole-

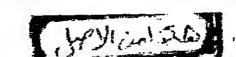
arranged, and find him a new generation of readers who will appreciate him whole, not just as an opium-inspired dreamer. Holmes knows what he is up against: "Young readers do not like the idea of the Roman-

nc poet growing old."

But then Coleridge knew this too, and time after time made poems from "the trou-bling visitations of the young self upon the old self", as well as from other awarenesses of his own shortcomings. This selection reveals him again as a great poet in many moods and modes, not neglecting any aspect of his protean genius, while Holmes's prefaces to each section and notes at the back on individual poems can be read as an essay as good as any on the subject.

Spoons, porter, Bible: here is Coleridge in graspable form. Unlike Hughes, it includes the first draft of Dejec tion: An Ode in the shape of that wonderful Letter to Sara Hutchinson - 338 lines composed during a single stormy night of April 1802, and only discovered in this century.





To do our duty from an English dorm to dusk

Michael Sissons on a sensitive examination of three lives overshadowed by war and their ideals of service

n the title of The Fatol Englishman is an implicit riddle. Ostensibly, Sebastian Faulks's compelling and stunningly written triple biography offers separate accounts of the lives of three young Englishmen in this century. They were of successive generations. and they all died young. But, while suggesting links in his preface. Faulks invites us to contemplate what constitutes a fatal Englishman. Most readers will be intrigued to determine their own vision of what unites these characters. I can only offer mine.

"In the spring of 1921 a beautiful young Englishman set off for Paris to become the greatest painter the world had ever seen." This was Christopher Wood, 19 years old. He had been at two public schools, Marlborough and Malvern, and over him, as over all his generation, lay the terrible shadow of the boys who had gone from those schools to the trenches.

He was from a conventional Edwardian family, and his father, a medical officer throughout the war, viewed with alarm his ambition to be a painter. In Paris, through the salon of Alphonse Kahn, he met many of the artistic talents assembled there after the war. He embarked on an affair with a Chilean diplomat, Antonio de Gandarillas, which proved the only constant emotional attachment of his life.

He fell in love with opium, thanks to Jean Cocteau, who encouraged him to believe in his talent as a painter. He was commissioned by Diaghilev to design the ballet Romeo and Juliet. None of this deterred him from falling in love with Meraud Guinness, a dilettante painter whose family viewed with horror her engagement to Wood and took urgent steps to nip it in the bud.

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The story of these shenanigans is richly comic, including the inconvenient interruption of a piles operation for Gandarillas. Returning to London in 1926 Wood was an optum addict, and Meraud had been headed off at the pass by her family to marry one Alvaro Guevara, famous as "a drunk, a poser, and a bore". While Wood made a steady reputation as painter, it has surely settled down as something less than "the greatest painter the world has ever seen". He threw himself in front of a train at Salisbury station at the age of 29

Richard Hillary was one of the most glamorous and heroic figures of the Second World War. His account of his experience as a Spitfire pilot in the Battle of Britain, The Last Enemy, is an enduring contribution to the narrative of combat.

Born of Australian parents, he endured a conventional public school education at Shrewsbury and was at Oxford, joining the university air squadron, when war broke out. His war was a short one. "The Battle of Britain picked off its pilots with remorseless probability," and by the time he was terribly burnt in a crash which left him in the North Sea, most of the friends with whom he had

learnt to fly were dead. It stirred me to read the moving account of Hillary's endless operations at the hands of the plastic surgeon Archibald McIndoe at Queen Victoria Hospital in East Grinstead. My own father was killed

THE FATAL **ENGLISHMAN** by Sebastian Faulks Hutchinson, £16,99



Wood: committed suicide at 29



Hillary: killed flying at 23



Wolfenden: a mysterious death?

in the retreat to Dunkirk. When my mother remarried, my stepfather, who had also joined op from university in 1939, had been terribly injured in the run-up to D-Day and endured 19 operations at East Grinstead: I will never forget the wards full of disfig-

ured airmen. In The Last Enemy Hillary echoed the French flyer St Exupery's talk of "a death of flame and ice". He was desperate to return to active service, but was not fit to fly. Finally he bullied the authorities into allowing him to retrain; on an appalling January night in 1943 he killed his navigator and himself crashing into the ground. "He was only 23 when he died, and he spoke like an old man."

Jeremy Wolfenden was a friend and contemporary of mine. I was not as close to him as some, like Neal Ascherson or Godfrey Hodgson. But

them was Simon Wiesenthal.

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napped Eichmann from Ar-

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operation was followed by an

epic trial in Jerusalem in 1961.

Attitudes towards the spectre

of unprosecuted Nazi-mon-

Responding to the revulsion

America, Wiesenthal publi-

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he was, for me, the brightest of my generation at Oxford.

He was very funny, and there was no vestige of condescension to anyone: a most attractive characteristic in an Oxford dominated by the social intellectual snobbery of the odious John Sparrow, Warden of Old Souls. He was cheerily, blatantly, and indiscriminately homosexual, while his father was chairing the Government Committee on Homosexual Offences and Prostitution.

I for a time shared a house in Oakley Street with some Oxford friends who included Jeremy. My abiding memory is of the night made hideous by the sounds of crashing crockery from the kitchen as Jeremy wrestled with Canadian sailors

picked up in Piccadilly.
With the reform of homosexual law the dominant social theme of the day, Jeremy was a chancer: today the Editor of The Sun might have licked his lips. Jeremy won an All Souls fellowship but went to Moscow for The Daily Telegraph, an appointment at which we looked askance. He was an archetypally anti-Establishment figure, and foreign assignments with The Doily Telegraph meant connections with British Intelligence.

Faulks is at his best in the hilarious picture that he paints of Wolfenden in Moscow, caught up in the spying case involving Greville Wynne and Oleg Penkovsky in 1962. Drinking heavily, he was set up by the KGB, whose cameras caught him misbehaving in the Hotel Ukraina.

eanwhile, to our surprise, he married an English nanny who was also in Moscow and became implicated in the Wynne trial. He moved to New York then back to Moscow, then to Washington. Was he, we woodered, a British agent, a double agent, or triple agent? He died in 1965, the autopsy suggesting chronic alcohol abuse and death from liver failure.

Some of us have always wondered whether he was done away with by the CIA or the KGB or, given his capacity for irreverence and mischief.

conceivably both. He was 31. What threads can be run between these three short lives? Were they very English lives? I think they were. All three had conventional backgrounds against which in varying degree they had rebelled. A shared token of their rebellion was their difficult, often bitter, relationships with their fathers.

It is hard to see Wood fitting into the ranks of the golden generation who died on the Somme. Hillary went to war in observance of those ideals, but by his death bad an icy personal detachment from them. Wolfenden was of the Suez generation, as I was. We went to Eton and Winchester respectively, schools still educating us to serve an empire which by then barely existed.

In retrospect, Anthony Eden did us a great service with the Suez fiasco in disentangling us from this myth. Indeed, three direct contemporaries of mine at Winchester, whose selfdestruction was chronicled last year in Ved Mehta's book Up At Oxford. might just as easily have been candidates for The Fatal English-



Improbably possible this freakish toad with eyes in the roof of its mouth is said to have been found in a Canadian garden

The most amazing journey

the improbability in Dawkins's title is life itself. To see how improbable life is, you only need consider one molecule from a living body.

Alcohol dehydrogenase is only one of the body's molecules — it detoxifies alcohol. It is an enzyme, and consists of a chain of unit molecules called amino acids; for it to work properly the right amino acids have to be in the right order. An alcohol dehydrogenase molecule might still function if it had one or two wobbly amino acids; but anyone with more than a few deviations would not survive long in places containing civilised amounts of alcohol.

There are 20 kinds of amino acid units that can occur in an enzyme. If you picked one at random, the chance that it would be right for the first link in the alcohol dehydrogenase chain would be one in 20. If you hit luck your chance of then picking the right second amino acid would again be one in 20: the chance of picking both at random is 1/20 x 1/20, or 1/400. And so on, for about 250 amino acids. A one in 20 here, a one in 20 there, and pretty soon you are talking real improbabilities. One in 20 multiplied by itself 250 times is a chance so small that you could have assembled amino acid sequences at random for all the history of the universe and never made alcohol

dehydrogenase. And yet it is only one of many enzymes: about 60,000 enzymes (and related molecules) are needed to build a human body.

Richard Dawkins's new book

aims to explain how life nevertheless is possible. Evolution by natural selection works gradually over long periods of time. In Dawkins's metaphor of Mount Improbable, the improbable peaks we call

life are reached by climbing in sufficiently large number of small steps. He tackles two main objections. One is

that Darwinworks by chance: in Dawkins's metaphor, it is as if evolution tried to jump to the mountain peak in one leap. The other is that natural selection could not favour the initial stages of complex organs that only work as a finished product: as if the peak were surrounded on all sides by a ravine and a gradual ascent were impossible.

The first is a confusion that remains popular with imperfectly educated physicists, who like to use their self-accredited superior mathematical skills to put woolly-minded biologists in their place. Dawkins quotes some entertaining specimens. He comments: "It is grindingly, creakingly, crashingly obvious that if Darwinism was really a theory of chance, it could not The alleged defect in the heory is really the startingblock problem that the theory is designed to solve.

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For the second objection, Dawkins analyses two examples in detail: the evolution of flight and of the eye. These sections will not only persuade openminded scep-Mark Ridley tics, but also be a marvellous

CLIMBING MOUNT IMPROBABLE by Richard Dawkins Viking, £20

Dawkins is a genius of sci-ence popularisation. If you have not read one of his books before, Climbing Mount improbable is a wonderful place to begin: it is non-stop mental and literary pleasure. Some of its themes will be familiar to readers of his previous books, but the prose is so enjoyable, and the exposition so superb, that no one will regret revisiting them.

The new book is also distinct in several ways. One is its biological range. The arguments contained in it are not made with odd illustrative examples, but with a delightful range of furry. feathered, buzzing, creeping, and stinging natural history. There are also a great many —

maybe 100 -- pictures, one of them rude.

The book is also good on "artificial life", or virtual evolution. Dawkins has helped to inspire the subject, and pioneered research in it. He describes actual work that has been done in the field, on virtual spider webs for instance, and then uses the general philosophy to reconsider the "selfish gene" view of the meaning of life. He begins with computer viruses. The simplest are little more than "duplicate me" programmes; they will automatically spread in certain kinds of cyber-environment. He ends with elephants. "Like

the virus DNA, [elephantine DNA] is fundamentally a Duplicate Me progamme but it contains an almost fantastically large digression as an essential part of the efficient execution of its fundamental message. That digression is an elephant."

" T enry More, in 1653. believed unas and sheep had only been given life in the first place so as to keep their meat fresh 'till we shall have need to eat them'." But life did not climb Mount Improbable to be useful 10 us, or for any higher purpose. Life just happens. The mountain is climbed because it is there.

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man. Alasdair Clayre, one of them, was a Fellow of All Souls.
Perhaps Faulks believes that his

three subjects shared a death wish. At the time of their deaths, there was something morbid about all three. Was this the condition of men living in a world and a century dominated by war, yet confused by the perceptions of duty and service to which they had been educated and whose cloying effects could not be escaped? For many, h is also to do with the realisation that life can never finally

live up to the high expectations of the public school prefect. I remember as one of the best days in my life, early in the 1960s, when I at last felt that we might not have to go to war, as our fathers and grandfathers had done. I know that there was something of the morbid, perhaps also of the fatal Englishman, in me. I hope that at least we are no longer breeding fatal Englishmen.

Michoel Sissons is joint choirman of Peters, Fraser and Dunfop

Simon is a cunning hunter

dolf Eichmann's escape from Germany in 1950 was not surprising. Disinterested governments had long ceased their search for one of the architects of the Holocaust, while the mass murderer himself, supported by a Nazi-funded railine, a sympatheoc Vaocan bishop and the International Red Cross sailed to liberty in Ar-Left behind by the murderer

was a continent gripped by Cold War fever and anxious to rebuild war-shattered lives.



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Dedicated: Simon Wiesenthal (right) and his wife (centre) at home in Vienna, 1975

parted and his Austrian hosts had enthusiastically reinfected their society by reinstating the cised his hunt for Eichmann, appearing to invent a contriworst Nazis to influential positions. Poor and obstinately independent, Wiesenthal notbution to Israel's manhunt. Overnight, bestselling books and Hollywood glorified Wiesenthal as the heroic Nazied that while Eichmann was certainly alive, there were no clues to his whereabouts. With hunter, transforming him into that, he terminated his unfasha focus for those comforted by a (albeit mythical) worldwide Six years later, everything dragnet for thousands of other changed, Israeli agents kid-Eichmanns.

In truth, Wiesenthal had hardly contributed to Eichmann's discovery. As he reopened his Documentation Centre in Vienna and revelled in self-publicity, those responsible in Israel and West Germany for capturing Eichspreading across Europe and mann were furious. Their Tom Bower

SIMON WIESENTHAL By Hella Pick Weiderfeld, £20

with Wiesenthal's other critics among the irascible Jewish community in New York transformed Vienna's Avenging Angel into a smouldering controversy.

Quite simply Wiesenthal never realised the enormity of the injustice he was exposing. Ignorant about the Allied recruitment of incriminated repressed anger combined Nazi scientists, intelligence of-

ficers and politicians, Wiesenthal publicised the mystery but offered few solutions and no analysis. While in Austria he was properly outraged by the Socialist party's pact with former Nazis to retain power, he was silent about the worse cover-up that had happened in

West Germany.
Occasionally, Wiesenthal's international efforts to find Nazi murderers were outstandingly successful - yet he made serious mistakes. His hunts for Martin Bormann and Josef Mengele were major disasters and his criticism of the celebrated French Nazihunters, Serge and Beate Klarsfeld, was tasteless.

His suggestion that the East German regime was "more riddled with Nazis" than West Germany's was manifestly wrong. Worst of all was Wiesenthal's refusal immediately and outrightly to con-demn Kurt Waldheim for his association with Balkan massacres. Wiesenthal's claim. en-

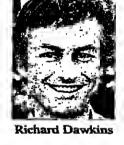
dorsed by Hella Pick, that there was no evidence that the Iormer UN Secretary-General and Austrian President had committed a war crime, was at best pernickety and at worst an unpardonable own goal. For his crides, in Israel and New York, it confirmed their suspicions of his dishonesty. And yet, as Hella Pick's

generous and valuable tribute to Wiesenthal shows, he was often unjustly maligned. In the intensified, occasionally competitive hunt for Nazis, his principal detractors (sadly, mostly Jews) had not passed through the extermination camps and could not fathorn the psychological trauma ingrained upon the survivors.

I ndoubtedly his critics antagonism hurt Wiesenthal, not least when they maliciously cast doubt on his extraordinary account of surviving the Holocaust. But dissenters like Wiesenthal invariably possess the resourcefulness to survive. Hella Pick properly minimises the inconsistencies and flaws of Wiesenthal's life. After all, regardless of his imperfections, the 87-year-old is the Keeper of the Flame for that, even his critics should

be respectful.

THE TIMES/DILLONS FORUM



RICHARD DAWKINS, the controversial biologist, will argue at a Times / Dillons forum that Darwin has the answers to all Nature's complexities.

The forum, on April 25, marks the publication of Professor Dawkins's book. Climbing Mount Improbable (Viking, £20). He will discuss the difference between accident and design in Nature and show how DNA has progressed through geological time.

Chaired by Sir John Maddox, the former editor of Noture, the forum will be held at the Institute of Education. 20 Bedford Way, London WCI, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets at £10 (concessions £7.50), which include £3 off the price of Professor Dawkins's book, are available by phoning 0171-915 6613, by faxing the coupon below on 0171-915 6611, or by sending the coupon and your remittance to Dillons, 82 Gower Street, London WCIE 6EQ, where tickets can also be purchased.

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Dods pays Scotland's penalty

THE Scotland rugby union squad to tour New Zealand shows two surprising casualties from the XV that started the entire five nations' championship campaign; Michael Dods has been dropped and Bryan Redpath is injured. The 30-strong party, a blend of experience and youth, has five repre-sentatives from Melrose, eight un-capped players of whom six are among the forwards, and a strong physical back division picked with the specific challenges of New Zealand in mind.

That has counted against the slightly-built Dods, as has his indifferent form as a place-kicker. His success ratio was only 47 per cenl in the championship, reinforcing the difficul-ties Scotland have had in replacing Gavin Hastings. In announcing the decision at Murrayfield yesterday, Jim Telfer, the SRU director of rugby who will be tour manager, said: "His goalkicking record wasn't high enough

and he wasn't considered good enough for a wing position."

The exact diagnosis on Redpath is unclear but is akin to a stress fracture of his lower back and the cure is rest and recuperation this summer. It is apparently a long-standing injury that has reduced his effectiveness in matches to about 75 per cent, too big a risk for the demanding eight-match tour in

Andy Nicol is the beneficiary. The former Dundee scrum half has forced his way back into the Bath first team and although he and Gary Armstrong service as Redpath, they are good defenders and strong runners with the ability to make a break; they will undoubtedly benefit from the new laws which stipulate that the eight forwards

must remain bound at the scrummage. Elsewhere in the back division, Tony Stanger, a veteran of the 1990 grand-slam side but still only 27, and Derek Stark have been recalled on the wing. Stark has filled out and regained his appetite for the game and has enjoyed a purple patch in 1996. He won the last of his four caps in 1993. Smart Lang.

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SCOTLAND SOUAD: R Shepherd (Microse), S Lan (Henot's), C Joiner (Microse), K Logan (Striir County), A Stanger (Headol), O Stark (Boroughrus), Erisseon (Lordon Scottish), S Hastings (Watsonians) Jardine (String County), G Shlet (Microse), G Townsend (Morriampion), Amestrong (Newcastle), A Nicol (Bath), D Haton (Bath T Smith (Watsonians), B Stewart (Edinburgh Academ)

back, is also included.

Tom Smith, of Watsonians, and Barry Stewart, from Edinburgh Academicals, are the props joining David Hilton and Peter Wright. Telfer said Smith was an outstanding rugbyplaying prop, who has come through on meril despite not appearing for the A team with which Stewart has earned his plaudits. Nick Broughton, who has cousins in the Shetland Islands, only arrived in Scotland from Invercargill last autumn and returns to New Zealand sooner than expected as lan Smith's understudy. Stuart Reid, Andy Reed and Shade Munro are all injured

but will be on stand-by.

Telfer described the tour as the toughest Scotland had ever undertaken although Broughton is optimistic.
"New Zealand are going through a
period of change and have a new coach
in John Hart. Some of the players don't know where they stand so it's a prime time to take them," he said.

Baker still spurred by Faldo's forecast FROM MEL WEBB IN CANNES

TIME was when Peter Baker was touted in golf as the next Nick Faldo. How things have changed. This week Faldo is basking in the warm glow of a third Masters victory while preparing for the Heritage Classic Baker is making yet another stop on the PGA European Tour, attempting to kick-start a career that has ground to a halt.

Baker, who plays in the Cannes Open that starts at Royal Mougins today, was first mentioned in the same breath as Faldo when he took the Benson and Hedges title at Pulford in 1988, in the process becoming the last player any-where to beat the great man in a play-off. Baker, then a fresh-faced 21-

year-old, needed an eagle at the last to take Faldo to sudden-death. He got it. Outrageously, he then bagged another at the 18th, the first

extra hole, to win.

Everybody saw the engaging youngster from the Black Country as the next great hope of English golf. Faldo was unstinting with his praise. "He's the star we'e

been waiting for," he gushed. And then, nothing. It was a struggle until 1993, when Bak-er won the British and Scandinavian Masters and made his Ryder Cup debut, taking three points out of four. Since then, he has made little progress towards fulfilling Paldo's prediction. But he is still optimistic. "I have time on my side. I

feel I've got another ten good years in me, " he said. "Even at the end of 1993, the bad old habits were still there, and i've had to work hard to

get rid of them."
Could this be his year? "Yes, my target is eight victories." he said, straight-faced. "Some people might say one or two, but eight seemed like a nice figure." For the gullibly inclined, this is, perhaps, the right moment to say that he was joking.

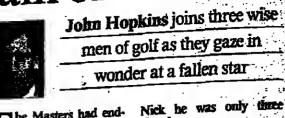
Jameses set pace in race for golf title

ROBBIE and Mark James strode impressively through two more rounds of the Father and Son golf tournament, at West Hill, Surrey, yesterday company (John Hennessy writes). Their thunder was momentarily stolen by the Stradlings, of Rye and nearby Worplesdon, however, who achieved a stunning albatross at the 503-yard 5th against the Hubbards, of Burhill.

Stuart Stradling, the father. followed a superb drive by his son. Rory, with a four-wood from 225 yards which obediently swung round into the

The Jameses have reached the last 16 without yet having

Norman rises above the talk of the town



men of golf as they gaze in wonder at a fallen star

The Masters had end-ed two days before and golf's travelling circus had moved east, from the Augusta National Golf Club to Hilton Head Island Wherever golfers gathered at the Harbour Town Golf Links, where the MCI Classic starts today, there was only one topic of conversation - the extraordinary events in the fourth round of the Masters on Sunday.
For years, Greg Norman

has dominated the world of golf by virtue of his victories, his wealth and his lifestyle. Now he was dominating every conversation by virtue of his spectacular collapse, in which he shed a six-stroke lead. No one in golf had been talking about anything else since the moment Nick Faldo won his third Masters with an Il-stroke swing over

As Colin Montgomerie, Frank Nobilo and Jeff Maggert started the home-ward half of their first practice round at Harbour Town, the talk was of their new putters, graphite shafts and the rangelinder binocu-

the rage on the tour. Suddenly, the noise of a and Greg fired to mark the start of the tourcame out nament's opening ceremony split the air. Montgomerie of Sunday very well'

looked at Nobilo, Maggert at his caddie: As one, they said, laughing: "Norman's

yacht."
"Norman", "Greg",
"Nick", "collapse", "gra-cious", "extraordinary", "astonishing" were the words that hung in the warm afternoon air the way one brief passage of a symphony can keep popping into the mind. If, for a moment, Montgomeric might have been thinking of something eise, then Norman's yacht was another reminder. "It's" huge," Montgomerie said. "It's moored just along from my condominium. I can see Greg's watching on tele-

Montgomerie had only got halfway to his drive when the subject of Sunday afternoon came up once more. Nick won that tournament when he finished birdie-par on Saturday to make sure he played with Greg the next day," Montgomerie said. "If Greg had played with Phil Mickelson he would have free-flowed it. Phil's no threat. He's a wee boy. Greg would not have been six ahead, he would have been seven; but with

"Greg should not have allowed Nick to intimidate him. We are all taught to play our own game but Nick is the best in the world at creating an aura. There is no reason for it. Greg Norman has been the best in the world for two years. Nick has not contested in major championships in that

While Norman and Faldo were dominating the Mas-ters, Nobilo was finishing fourth. "It was difficult to watch the scoreboard and difficult not to," Nobilo said. You wanted to, yet you didn't want to because you knew how it was relevant to

As Montgomerie concluded his round at Angusta, recording a second 75. Nor-man and Faldo were on the 7th. "Had I been watching what was going on?

Montgomerie said. Of
course I had. I was history. I
was going to be 35th or
something. Did I believe what I was seeing? Yes. I did. Why? Because it was

Faldo and we all know Nick Faldo. And because Both Nick it was Greg and we all know Greg. It was astonishing even So Monteom-

erie, Nobilo and Maggert continned their practice round,

which was more an analysis of what had happened two days earlier than a proper examination of the course.

You know it takes a good person to win but a great person to lose well."

Montgomerie said as he approached the 16th green.

Both Nick and Greg came out of Science well." out of Sunday very well." Montgomerie was asked if he could have coped as well as Norman had done with such a collapse. He turned his head to one side. There was a long pause. "I'd like to say yes but . . I hope I never find out." Another pause DEED THE B Nick?

On the 18th green, as Montgomerie was lining up his putt, an aircraft suddenly roared overhead, banking sharply as it turned to land.

Montgomerie looked up. That's Greg's plane," he said excitedly. "It had a Recbok shark on the tail fin. That's incredible isn't it?" Faldo was already at Harbour Town. Now Norman' had arrived, too. And so the round ended as

it had begun — with Nor-man's name on everyone's

Honourable conclusion to season of mixed fare

By PETER BILLS

THE Army ensured a triple tie in the Inter-Services rugby union competidon, sponsored by Willis Corroon, by comfort-ably toppling the RAF in the sunshine at Twickenham yesterday. It was the most enter-taining game by far of the 1996 competition.

It was the first triple tie since 1992, but, for the Army, there was only the frustration of knowing that the title should have been theirs. Almost certainly it would have been, had they not lost by the odd penalty goal in five to the Royal Navy in the opening

The absence from their ranks of Tim Rodber and Rob Wainwright that day - on international sevens duty in Hong Kong — probably cost the Army their first outright title since 1990.

Certainly, there was no disputing the Army's vast superiority in this match. Somehow, astonishingly, the RAF clung on to a 6-3 interval lead despite suffering a pounding in the 15 minutes before the break.

In the first half. Fowers. Wainwright, Hunter, Stewart and Pinder were all either held up over the RAF line or stopped inches short. The brave, scrambling defence of the RAF, especially up front, was commendable, but plainly it could not last, especially if the Army eliminated their

They did that and, after Knowles had levelled the scores shortly after the restart. Johnson ran 50 metres for the opening try after Worrall had missed touch badly and Wainwright picked up a difficult pass on the counter-attack. The power of the Army

RAF thus never had the base up front to play the expansive game that they sought, despite some bold attempts.

Another series of forward

drives led to Rodber putting Sanger over near the posts: Knowles's conversion made it 18-6. Morgan, the RAF flank-er, replied straight from the restart, with the first of his two late tries that exposed the Army's momentary lack of concentration, but the Army's finish was conclusive. Knowles landed two more

penalty goals before converting Johnson's interception try from 60 metres out. That made it 31-11 and all that remained was for Sharp to finish off Lazenby's break for a try and Morgan to add another in a flurry of late substitutions.

Nothing, though, could hide the Army's ascendency.

G Sharp (RAF Rudice Manor). Sql S Lazarsty (RAF Costord), Cpl S Rofer [RAF Wyton), Rt Li R Underwood (RAF Wyton), Rt Li R Underwood (RAF Cranwell), Cpl N James (RAF Cranwell), Sql S Worrall (RAF Cottesmore), APO J Thorpe (Yorkshee UAS), Sqn Ldr R Miller (RAF Wyton), Arr Tech B Williams (RAF RAF RAF Northol), Sql C Morean (RAF RAF RAF Northol), Sqc L Oakey (RAF Ras) Norton), Air Tech S Boote (RAF Castord), Rh Li C Moore (RAF Rudice Manor), Thorpe replaced by Chief Tech O Hobson (RAF Odham, 34mm); Roles replaced by Chief Tech O Hobson (RAF Odham, 34mm); Roles replaced by Coll RAF Ras Raf (RAF Lyncham, 79). ARMY: Li R Abernettey (RGR); Li B G W Johnson (Royel Signals), Cpl A J Sanger (RE), Sql L Douglas (RFC), Capt N J Graham (RA); Li P Knowlee (RAF), Capt S Pinder (OWR), L Cpl M Stewart (PMRR), Capt S Brammer (RE), Sql J Fowers (RHA), Spr R S Humler (RE), Sql J Fowers (RHA), Spr R S Humler (RE), Sql J Towers (RHA), Spr R S Humler (RE), Sql J Towers (RHA), Spr R S Humler (RE), Sql J Towers (RHA), Spr R S Humler (RE), Sql J Towers (RHA), Spr R S Humler (RE), Sql J Towers (RHA), Spr R S Humler (RE), Sql J O Watters (RHA), Spr R S Humler (RE), Sql J Newstram (RHA), Capt R Walmwright (RHA), Capt T Rodber (SH), Sanger replaced by Cpf M O Watters (RHA, 79), Fowers replaced by S Sgl O J Cognison (RHA, 79).



Roke's tackle cannot prevent Sanger from scoring the Army's second try yesterday

Time catches up with Smith

TIM SMITH, the secondhighest points-scorer in Gloucester's history to Peter Butler, is to retire from senior rugby union at the end of this season. Smith, who kicked 11 points when Gloucester beat Bath 16-10 last Wednesday, is considering a move into local dub rugby and also has ambitions to join Richard Hill's coaching team at Kingsholm.

Smith, who will be 34 next month, has made 348 firstteam appearances in 14 years at Gloucester. "I don't want to finish, but there comes a time

when you know you have to," Smith said. "It takes me two to three days now to get over a big game because I am still trying lo do as much as I did ten years ago."
Thierry Lacroix, the former

France threequarter, is negotiating a three-year contract with Natal, which could mean that he will effectively play out his career in South Africa. "I am finally finished with France." Lacroix. 29, said.

"When I went back to France from Natal last year, I realised immediately that there was antagonism against me and that I was no looger welcome in the side. The team spirit was also not what it should be. It is no longer a pleasure to play for France." Lacroix, though, has also been offered a lucrative con-

tract by Harlequins. "I will weigh up the various contracts and make a decision then," he said. Cockermouth, the Cumbrian club, have been relegated two divisions in the Courage

Clubs Championship after falsifying a match result card for their North West I game

to go beyond the toth.

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er A C Reas (Landon).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

BUILDING SOCIETIES ACT 1986

CONFIRMATION HEARING

NATIONAL & PROVINCIAL

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Notice is hereby given that National & Provincial Building

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Any interested party has the right to make written or oral

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Written representations must reach the Commission by 12 noon

Written notice of intention to make oral representations must also reach the Commission by 12 noon on 13 May 1996.

The Commission intends to hear oral representations on 3 June 1996 and will advise intending participants of the time and

The Act provides that the Commission must confirm a transfer

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(c) there is a substantial risk that the successor company

(d) some relevant requirement of the Act or the rules of the Society was not fulfilled.

The address of the Building Societies Commission is 15 Great

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FOOTBALL kick-off 7.30 unless stated European Cup Winners' Cup Paris Sant-Germain (1) v Deportivo la Coruña (0) (8 0) Rapid Vienna (1) v Feyenoord (1) BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Wilney v Ashlord, Yare v Tonbridge Angels.

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field Utd (7.0); Sheffield Wednesday v Stoke (7.0) Second division: York v Coventry BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Dundally v SI Parnck's Ath Premier division: Dundelli v SI Pamori's Att (7.45) MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Senior division: Leversico's Green v Holmer Green. Ampthili v Tottemhoe, ACD FC v Story Stratord T, Houghton v Beoford United. GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm v Manoritsfield

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2, Dame Laura (20-1); 3, Skon Key Stoa (25-1) 6 ren. 21-1, 21-1, 12-1,

Jackpot: not won (pool of \$14,279.51 carned forward to Newmarket today). Placepot £216.10. Quadpot £10.60. Pontefract

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116.69.
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Placepot: \$279.50. Quedpot: £12.10. Cheltenham

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4.00 (2m Sf. 110)d hdle) 1, Sun Surfar (S. Wymne, 8-11; 2, Janney's Closs (11-2); 3, Castle Secret (14-1) Michiel-9-2 (av. 15 ran. 191, 8, Capt 1 Forsier Tote £10 10, £3 10, £1 90, £3 60 DF-£32 20 Trio £59 90, CSF. 2790 E380 E369.02 4.35 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Mister Cody (M A Fizgered 9-2); 2, James The First (8-1); 3, Spring Sed (8-1) Medicas Swar Song 9-4 tav (I), 7 ran. 22, 28, J King, Toles, 15,60; 12,70, 12,10 DF: 17.40 OSF

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THUNDERER 2.30 Statesman. 3.00 Sea-Deer. 3.30 Taufan Boy. 4.00 Nabhaan. 4.30 Raheen. 5.05 Able Sheriff, 5.35 Wixim. Our Newmarket Correspondent

3.30 FURZAN (nap). GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

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FIG. 7-2 Double Action. 4-1 Pan See Page 1 3-1 Statesman, 7-2 Double Action, 4-1 Plan For Profit, 5-1 Young Bignin, 6-1 The Bee Man, 7-1 &F Fortywinks, Bolem Boy, 8-1 others. 3.00 COPT HEWICK CLAUMING STAKES

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By RICHARD EVANS

THE most important racing double witnessed at Newmarket for years saw two companies yesterday announce valuable sponsorship deals with major

implications for the sport Two hours after Henry Cecil proudly donned a riding hat with Saab emblazoned alongside his ini-tials. HRAC, Pertemps revealed details of important commercial backing for the 1,000 and 2,000 Guineas

The leading indepen-dent staff recruitment company, which announced last August a four-year agreement, worth more than £500,000, to sponsor the St Leger at Doncaster, is chaired by Tim Watts, a committed racing enthusiast, but he insisted the sponsorship of Newmarket's two classics was based on a hard-nosed business and marketing approach.

Saab's decision to associate its gleaming horse-power with Cecil's Warren Place yard and its 170 thoroughbreds is initially for one year, as is the Pertemps package, al-though both companies hope to extend their backing if the investment proves worthwhile.

Cecil's sponsorhip offers more evidence to Customs and Excise that the beneficial VAT deal - which allows owners to reclaim VAT on training fees - is helping to bring extra revenue into racing. It is to be boped that Customs officials will now accept once and for all the value of the

Cayman Kai's switch pays with Free Handicap win

Spotlight falls on Alhaarth

THE NGK Spark Plugs European Free Handicap at Newmarket yesterday marked the second consecutive trial won by a horse without classic aspirations when Cayman Kai swept through to collar Projection in the manner of a muchimproved colt.

The way is now clear for Alhaarth, odds-on favourite for the 2,000 Guineas, to endorse his merit in the Craven Stakes today. With Royal Applause and Mark Of Esteem due to contest the Guineas on their seasonal debut. Alhaarth's encounter with

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SELECT FEW (2.35 Newmarket) Next best: Fursan (3.30 Ripon)

Thunderer landed a good-priced nap with Tarawa (10-1) at Newmarket yesterday

Beauchamp King, Pommard and Rio Duvida represents the definitive moment in the shaping of this classic.

Richard Hannon, who trains Cayman Kai, admitted as much when explaining how the colt came to take his chance in the Free Handicap. We were going to run him at Newbury on Saturday but we changed our plans when-we found out Alhaarth was supposed to go there," he said. "It's funny how these things work out; it was obviously the

right decision. A ball of speed last year, Cayman Kai relaxed in behind a strong pace before Pat Eddery brought him wide to challenge. The colt responded generously over this seven furlongs, which represented unknown territory. This horse has a real racing brain," Hannon said. "He will switch



Cayman Kai and Eddery, right, claim an emphatic victory in the Free Handicap at Newmarket yesterday

off until you ask him. We didn't enter him in the Guineas because he looked like a sprinting type." His pedigree suggests otherwise.

Barry Hills, who trains the runner-up, Projection, doubted whether the form was up to classic standard. Hills has a more potent force at home in Royal Applause, who has pleased in his preparation. He is a clean-winded sort and has not missed a day." Hills said. "We don't want to wind him up too much at home, but he will be ready on the day."

Both Hills and Hannon will

be interested spectators when

Alhaarth emerges from his

winter's rest. Hannon took the opportunity to sing the praises of Regiment, his Easter Stakes winner, who represents him in the 2,000 Guineas here on May 4. "Regiment is very well. He works with the sprinters and can quicken with them, too. He shouldn't be underesti-

If classic pointers were in short supply, Luso and Smart Alec contrived a thrilling finish to the Earl Of Sefton Stakes. The former just prevailed under a strong ride from Michael Kinane, and if the heart went out to Smart Alec on his first outing for 550 days, defeat would have been

hard on Luso, who conceded

Clive Brittain, who trains the four-year-old, can expect a profitable season for Luso. Smart Alec, for his part, has retained all his juvenile speed and now heads for the Lockinge Stakes over a mile. He may well influence the destination of miling bonours

Peter Chapple-Hyam revealed an extremely precocious two-year-old in Carmine Lake, who tormented some well-regarded fillies in the NGK Spark Plugs Bartlow Maiden Fillies' Stakes. Carmine Lake is bound for the

Queen Mary Stakes at Royal

During this contest, Emma O'Gorman was thrown violently to the ground when her mount. Simply Times, pitched over within yards of the winning post. O'Gorman lay motionless for several minutes before she was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge. However, the ini-

tial prognosis was favourable, She was conscious at the time and could feel her legs and arms," said her father. Bill, who trains Simply Times. "It looked like the horse had broken a leg, but it eventually got up and walked away."

Jockey Club fails to identify cause of Festival deaths

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

A JOCKEY CLUB investigation into the deaths of ten horses at last month's Cheltenham Festival yesterday failed to identify the cause of the carnage - and left officialdom praying it would not happen again. The number of fatalities at National Hunt's premier festival was three times the average over the past ten

After interviewing leading trainers, including David Nicholson and Jenny Pitman. and taking evidence from top jockeys, the Jockey Chub's racecourse department concluded "no single factor, or indeed combination of factors, is to blame for the ten fatalities." David Pipe, the Jockey Club's director of public affairs, admitted: "We can't come up with any solution and we just hope it was a freak - a

The nearest the Jockey Club came to attributing blame was in pointing an accusing finger at Channel 4, whose selevised coverage of the three days' racing included using cameras on vehicles running alongside or just ahead of the horses and pictures taken from an airship.

Jockeys said the vehiclemounted camera had been a problem on one part of the chase course where the road was very close to the runningrail while some trainers felt the airship was a factor and drew a parallel with horses' fear of balloons passing overhead.

The report concluded there was a case for reviewing the use of vehicle cameras on racecourses, including Ascot, Haydock and Chepstow. where they were in close proximity to horses. Similarly, it was suggested

that officials moving around

in fluorescent jackets and press photographers might cause a distraction, but there was no evidence that they had been a contributory factor in any death.

A variety of reasons have been offered since the Cheltenham Festival for the death toll. but all the popular theories were dismissed after exhaustive examination.

Trainers were unanimous that the ground was unlikely to have caused deaths. Few horses pulled up lame and none of the jockeys made complaints of inconsistent ground.

Despite the hard winter, trainers ruled out horses being less fit than normal and insisted they were 100 per cent sound before races. However, changes in training methods, such as interval training on uphill artificial gallops, might have an effect on the suscepti-

bility of horses to injury. The large number of runners was not a factor and although Festival races are always very competitive there was nothing to suggest they were run at a faster pace than in previous years. Fewer falls than usual occurred at the tough open ditches but dry subsoil meant "hurdles were stiff until they had been jumped once and may have

contributed to heavier falls." While the start of several races was widely criticised "the problems did not lead directly to any fatalities." Vets reviewed post-mortem reports of the deaths but even they were unable to identify any common factors.

It is hoped that the Cheltenham carnage was an unfortunate blip. If it happens again the Jockey Club should not expect to escape with such

2.00 Princely Sound 2.35 Select Few.

3.40 Alhaarth 4.10 Hammerstein 4.45 Rude Awakening 5.20 Muchea

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 FARHANA. 4.10 Hammerstein.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM TOTE JACKPOT MEETING DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.00 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £6,420: 6f) (16 runners)

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3.05 FEILDEN STAKES (Listed race: 3-Y-O: £11,268: 1m 1f) (13 runners)

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3.40 CRAVEN STAKES

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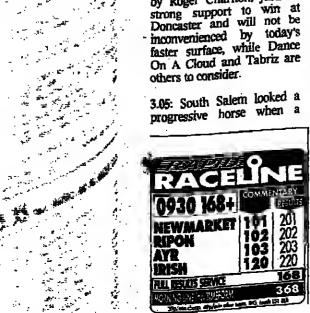
☐ Jean-Pierre Lopez, the jockey, was handed a two-day ban by the Pontefract stewards yesterday after finishing fourth on Nervous Rex in the Strawberry Hill Median Auction Maiden Stakes. Lopez, who is in his first season in Britain, was judged to have used his whip incorrrectly and is suspended from April

Storm Trooper can steal the thunder in Feilden Stakes

NEWMARKET CHANNEL 4

2.35: Luca Cumani has his string in good form and Select Few is fancied to go well here. Despite being tall and weak last season, the Alzao colt ran on strongly to win a 13-runner maiden at Goodwood on his final start and there is every reason to suggest the best is still to come. He should appreciate the step up to ten furlongs and looks set for a good season. Jackson Hill, trained by Roger Charlton, justified strong support to win at Doncaster and will not be inconvenienced by today's faster surface, while Dance On A Cloud and Tabriz are others to consider.

3.05: South Salem looked a progressive horse when a





TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION close third to Royal Applause in the Coventry Stakes last year but has not raced since.

David Loder's runner has been showing up well at home but may be in need of his reappearance.
The Michael Stoute-trained Bonarelli progressed with every run last season and is one for the short-list. But the pair that make most appeal are Heron Island, one of Peter

Chapple-Hyam's most promising three-year-olds, and Storm Trooper, Henry Cecil has won this race four times in the past decade and his Diesis colt showed smart form when chasing home Beauchamp and Skillington at Doncaster King, the subsequent Racing Post Trophy winner, at Ascot.

3.40: The unbeaten Albaarth, odds on to win the 2,000 Guineas, will be a warm order here and is difficult to oppose.

The classic contender has pleased Dick Hern over the winter and it will a big surprise if his colours are lowered. Rio Duvida came the closest of any rival to inflicting a defeat on Alhaarth when getting within half a length in the slowly run Champagne Stakes at Doncaster.

David Loder's runner is IIb better off today, but his home work suggests he will be more effective over-further than a mile. Beauchamp King has strengthened and matured over the winter and may be a bigger threat, although John Dunlop believes the Nishapour colt may prefer a bit more give in the ground.

4.10: Hammerstein stands out, having chased home the promising types, Jarah, Bijou D'Inde and Mons on his three starts. However, I have a suspicion the likely short-priced favourite would prefer a little bit of give in the ground and Lonely Leader could offer some each-way value.

Third behind Heron Island on his only start last year, this likeable Royal Academy colt is described by his trainer, Richard Hannon, as the best maiden in his yard. -

THUNDERER

2.20 Potter's Bay, 2.50 Royal Stream, 3.20 Wisdom, 3.50 Puritan, 4.20 Montrave, 4.50 Sparky Gayle. Carl Evans: 2.50 Royal Stream.

GOING: GOOD

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8 -117 ROYAL STREAM 35 (B.S) Mrs. D Johnson 9-12-0. A Parter (7)
9 -110 SOUTHERN MARSTREL SE (C.F.B.S) M Character 13-12-0
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3.20 BOOKER CASH & CARRY CHEFS LARDER FOUR-YEAR-OLD MOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (£5,248: 2m) (5)

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3.50 GEORGE GRAHAM MEMORIAL HANDICAP

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6-4 Locknagraio, 2-7 Montrave, 4-1 Rebail King, 5-1 Port In A Storm, 20-1 Equitors Mondial 4.55 FRIENDLY HOTELS HANDICAP HURDLE

(£5,443: 3m 2f 110yd) (11) 11-4 Newton Ports, 9-2 Sparky Gayle, 5-1 Ottoma, 6-1 Zammates, 7-1 Adaptite, 8-4 Transletto, 10-1 Yahral, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAMERS: T Exclerby. 3 whereis from 4 numbers, 75.0%; Mis M. Reveley, 40 from 151, 26.5%, 8 Allan, 3 from 12, 25.5%, 6 Richards, 47 from 204, 23.0%; J Frogerald, 3 from 16, 18.6%; M Hammand, 18 from 57, 149.0%

☐ Eastern Prophets, trained by Joe Naughton and ridden by Cash Asmussen, finished third in the listed £18,445 Prix Servanne (5\(2\) f) at Evry yesterday, four lengths and a short neck behind the impressive 100-30 on winner. Anabaa. Trained by Criquette Head and ridden by her brother, Freddie, Anabaa will now step up to pattern company.



Popular nominee **Botham miscast** in role of selector

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

ENGLISH cricket finds itself trapped within the theatrical anticipation of an Oscars ceremony this morning. There will be many, with the good and harmony of the game at heart, who say a silent prayer before the scheduled announcement from Lord's, for if the ludicrous campaign to instal lan Botham as a Test selector is successful. turbulent times can be guaranteed.

Those who promote Botham's cause are either naive or divisive. The charitable view is that they are as. unaware as Botham appears to be of what is involved in the job description. The more sinister interpretation is that it is a calculating attempt to provoke the chairman of selectors, Raymond Illingworth. into a resentful resignation, as well it might.

Botham is not, himself, to be blamed for the inflated and over-glamorised profile of an election for fuodamentally menial posts. His wish to be involved with the England learn is laudable and should not be discouraged; only his choice of job is misguided. Much the best outcome, today, would be for his bid to end in honourable failure but for his talents — specifically to inspire and modvate - to be used

more appropriately. Strip away the frills of this issue, the fatuous opinion polls that predictably champion the populist hero and the well-intentioned blustering of certain county chairmen, and what is left is a traditionally mundane election for two men who will be subordinates on the selection panel, beholden to the instructions of the

Christopher Cowdrey. another of the eight remaining nominations after the piqued withdrawal of Fred Titmus, has far less chance of election than Botham, but a surer grasp of the job's parameters. "Il is a junior role." he said yesterday. "A runner for Ray Illingworth." Realistically, he is right, for the two chosen men will be expected to spend six days a week travelling the been and never will be.

The necessary attention span would conflict with his restless, instinctive nature even if it did not conflict with the many other demands on his time, while the integrity required of the position hardly sits comfortably with one who has, as prime sources of income, a newspaper column and a contract with Sky

television. . The notion that Botham's wondrous playing ability somehow enables him to transform the present team from a seat on the selection



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panel makes too many assumptions. It tacitly condemns recent selections by Illingworth when, in truth, there have been only occasional choices to dispute, and it assumes for the fourth and fifth selectors an entirely false influence, in practice, the chairman, captain and David Lloyd, the coach, will make most of the decisions: the others are there only to guide

Botham ought to have no chance of election but his prospects cannot be dismissed as lightly as those of Geoff Miller, Kim Barnett and

ing county players. This is not counties, plus MCC and Mi-Botham's forte - never has nor Counties, have voted for two of the candidates. If one is elected on a landslide, it could be that the second position will be claimed by as few as five or six votes, the kind of number Botham can expect to have

> Graveney, who served diligently and progressively on the panel last year. is a worthy favourite. He might by now have usurped Illingworth as chairman but for the belated instruction of his principal employers, the Professional Cricketers' Association, that he must withdraw from the ballot, and it is to be hoped that few counties have held that fiasco against him. He is a good man, a potential future chairman, and as Illingworth has worked with him once he can, and should, do so again.

Illingworth would prefer to have Brian Bolus and John Edrich, like minds and close contemporaries, alongside him. At most, one may be elected, though for a more rounded, informed committee my choice to join Graveney would be Graham Gooch, about to play out the last of his 24 seasons and proposed by his county, Essex, with their express agreement to release him for selectorial duties when necessary.

Gooch is a man of detail, concentration and deep love of the county game ... all the things, in fact, that Botham is

☐ Lancashire have appointed John Stanworth as coach to succeed David Lloyd. Stanworth, 35, kept wicket for Lancashire in the late 1980s before becoming their secondlearn captain and last year he became the county's first crickel development officer.

"John Stanworth has agreed to assist with the requirements and demands involved in the running of an ambitious firstclass county team both on and off the field," a club statement said. The Lancashire committee will reconsider the position on Wednesday May 8." Lancashire face Yorkshire in a three-day match at Old



Morris, watchful and determined, on his way to a century at Fenner's

Glamorgan pair cash in

BY PAT GIBSON

FENNERS (first day of three; Cambridge University won toss): Cambridge, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 243 runs behind Glamorgan

CAMBRIDGE University needed all the enthusiasm engendered by their new coach, Derek Randall, to keep them going through the first day of a new Fenner's season as Glamorgan's Hugh Morris and David Hemp both scored

centuries of some significance. Morris, who has given up the captaincy for the second and, presumably, the last time, has obviously not lost his appetite for batting. There was never much doubt that he was going to make his 43rd hundred for the county.

Hemp's sixth first-class cen-

After being selected for the England A tour the winter before last he was so disappointing last year that, at one stage, he was dropped from

This is an important season for him and he was so determined not to throw his wicket away that at one stage he scored only four in 53 minutes and his hundred took the best part of five hours.

With Morris just as disciplined in an unbroken secondwicket partnership of 247 only two short of the Giarnorgan record set by Morris and Steve James against Oxford University - it was hard work for the Cambridge bowlers but they stuck to their task

There was an early wicket for Haste, who had James caught at slip after Glamorgan had been put in on one of tury was not so predictable. the relaid pitches which Cam- Umpures: If A Whate and J W L'oyds.

bridge expected to do more than it did. After that it was mainly a matter of contain-ment and the two off spinners. Whittall, the former captain. and Jones, who spent two seasons with Glamorgan, did that better than anyone.

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FALL OF WOKET: 1-18. BOMING Heary 15-0-47-1, Mortel 14-6-31-0: Wissel 32-16-61-0. How 10-3-44-0, Jones 21 4-10-36-0, House 7-1-55-0 CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Lettings

Total (no wkt) . A Singh, "RQ Cake, W J House, RO Jones, 10 R H Churlon, N J Hacte, A R Whatel, G R Molter and E How to bat.

Durham bring students down to earth

THE PARKS (first day of three; Durham won toss): Durham have scored 334 for no wicket against Oxford University

IMMEDIATELY after sniffing victory in a match of sporting declarations against Leicestershire, the university were brought face to face with harsh reality yesterday. Nem-esis arrived in the Parks in the shape of Mike Roseberry and Stewart Hutton, Durham's opening pair. By scoring 334 together (Hutton claiming 172, Roseberry 145), they set a Durham record for any wicket. When they passed 222, they left behind the previous record made by Paul Parker and John Gleudenen - also for the first wicket, against

Oxford — in 1992. On a bright, sunlit but chilly day, other milestones were left behind. This was Roseberry's first century for Durham: Hutton's highest score. Oxford's limited attack stuck to their task, with enthusiasm if not accuracy, unwavering on a pitch made for batting once early-morning dampness had disappeared.

Early on, Roseberry might have been contemplating events from the pavilion had Thomson, tall, accurate and fast-medium, done more than find the edge as the ball moved off the seam. Roseberry also survived sev-eral confident shouts for legbefore. He was always less assured than Hutton, whose left-handed elegance took him first past the century mark. This came with fours from four successive balls. He should have been caught at mid-wicket when 58, but there were few other blemishes.

For Durham, a bright start to the season. For Oxford, lessons to learn, not least that there is no substitute for bowling line and length.

DURHAM: First Innings

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18-3-47-0; Melik, 18-1-83-0; Melher 14-1-65-0; Weigh 21-7-41-0; Khan 3-0-19-0, Suictife 4-0-10-0.
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Interpreta N. G. Coudes and A. C. T. Whiteholder

India do enough in defeat to qualify for final

SOUTH Africa maintained their 100 per cent record in the Sharjah Cup yesterday by beating India by five wickets. They will meet the same opponents in the final somorrow, India's score of 215 for nine putting them ahead of Pakistan on run rate.

India were unable to exert any real pressure on the South Africans after Gary Kirsten and Jacques Kallis had put on 53 for the first wicket.

Daryll Cullinan, South Africa's top scorer in the fournament, hit 64 from 100 balls while Derek Crookes struck 54 from 61 deliveries, including

They added 94 for the fourth wicket from 117 balls before, falling in the same over from Raju, whose accurate slow bowling brought him three wickets for 38. But he could not prevent South Africa from winning with 17 balls to spare. Ajay Jadeja, with 71 from 69 balls, helped India to compensate for the early loss of Sachin

Tendulkar. India looked unlikely to be able to set any sort of target when they slumped to 100 to five after 28.3 of their allotted 50 overs but Jadeja, hitting out strongly, took 17 off the final over, bowled by Crookes.

The man-of-the-match award went to the South African spinner, Paul Adams, who, playing in his first match in the tournament, took three for 30 in his ten overs.

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FALL OF WIXCHTS 153 248, 398, 4162 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53, 2-85, 3-98, 4-182

43-0; Kumble 10-0-37-1; Flatu 10-0-38-3; Jadeja 7-0-37-0; Sidnu 0.1-0-1-0. Men of the metch: PR Adams

♦ HEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT What would you bid on this hand, as East. **±3** ♥AJ976 ◆AQ5 **◆**AQ52

This is the auction (Game All, Rubber bridge): 15

South's bid of Three Spades is barrage. You would find many duplicate players doubling again on the East hand, typical of the macho attitude that they have to the game — "North-South are pushing me around, I'll show 'em who's boss". In my view, it is idiotic to take another bid — one reasonable construction of the hand is that your partner has very little, and that you will be in trouble at the four level. After all, is there anything to stop your partner having a 4-2-4-3 nought count? At the table, East doubled again. As West, I had an unenviable decision — as I certainly did not want the unpleasant

task of playing in Four Diamonds doubled, I decided to pass.

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Contract: Three Spades doubled, by South My lead of the jack of clubs was not the best. Declarer won, played a spade to the king and returned a heart to the king. He then continued clubs. East took the queen and ace (on which I discarded a diamond), and continued with ace and another heart. Declarer won and played his winning club. I ruffed. dummy overruffed and declarer continued by cashing a second trump before exiting from dummy with a diamond. Thus, East was able to give me a trump promotion by leading a fourth round of hearts. Had the declarer played a diamond before drawing a second round of trumps, Three Spades would have been made. In a way, I wish it had been — then, my partner would not have looked so smug.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

BERMOOTHES a. Sri Lankan drummers b. Beggars

c. A mythical island

PHLEGETHON a. A non-flammable substance b. The Oevil c. A burning river

HANSE

a. A Wagnerian hero b. A league of merchants c. Basque handball **CHARIVARI**

a. An uproar c. Hors d'oeuvres and canapés Answers on page 46



By Raymond Keene

CHESS CORRESPONDENT Kramnik leads

Vladimir Kramnik, the young Russian grandmaster, has enjoyed a virtually unbroken run of success over the past six months. He has placed at the top in several top-level competitions and he shared the leading spot with Kasparov in the latest World Chess Federation ranking list with a rating of 2,775. His only relative setback was the Euwe Memorial tournament in Amsterdam, in which Kasparov and Topalov pushed Kramnik

down the table. In the combined blitz and blindfold tournament in Monaco, Kramnik has again reasserted himself. After eight rounds, he had conceded just one draw and notched up seven wins including this fine performance.

White: Vladimir Kramoik Black: Ljubomir Ljubojevic Melody Amber Monaco, April 1996

Sicilian Defence CŠ NIG g6 Nc6 CXCI4 Nxxk Bg7 0-0 Bd7 10 Od2 11 0-0 Bc6 b6 Bb7 19 Qd5+

20 Nxa7

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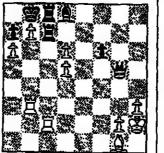
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Alekhine -- Gofmeister, Petrograd, 1917. Although White is temporarily a queen in arrears, he can obviously regain material from his threats against the black rooks. What is the most efficient method of exploiting his threats?

Solution on page 46



than money

From Mr N. Parry and Mr P.

Sir. The Rugby Football Union seems to think that it alone should control the organisation and money flows of the new professional game in England. It now appears that it also wishes to have a significant influence on matters in the other home unions. We wonder whether the RFU would alter its view if the professional organisation covering the first and second division clubs approached the other home unions and suggesled that it could enter an England side into a five nations' tournament as a replace-

ment for the RFU? This might solve a number of problems: l. the professional game in England would have a signifi-cant source of revenue to

2. the five nations' tournament would survive without the other home unions being treated as poor relations 3. the professional game in England would be run by professional businessmen, while the RFU committees could run the amateur game to which they appear far more suited.

sustain the game

It would also show the RFU that, although the top echelon of the game has changed, the vast majority has not. This majority still believes rugby union is more than a moneymaking machine for the few. II is where friendship, sports-manship and fair play continue to count for much.

Yours faithfully, N. PARRY, P. IRVINE, 4 Priory Court, EC4.

Greater success From Mr P. T. Donald

Sir, Contrary to the table regarding major golf champ-ionship winners (April 16). Harry Vardon won six Opens which, with his US Open victory, gives him a total of seven; and it was not Sarazen but Palmer who also won a US Amateur. Yours etc. PHILIP DONALD.

Graham, Lagan Mills,

Dromore, Co Down.

Sir. 1 must take issue with Simon Barnes's comments on Newcastle United, "the people's champions, the choice of neutrals everywhere", and on

April 10).

It will be a sad day for British football when chequebook football of the sort practice. tised by Blackburn and Newcastle succeeds. How the common man can relate to a learn that is little more than the plaything of a millionaire

Much better to sing the praises of teams such as Manchester United who de-

Yours etc. 32 West Avenue.

P. G. Wodehouse's Psmith in

Striking similarity From Mr L. M. Stanley

Sir, Manchester United's decision to abandon their lowvisibility grey strip (report, April 16) is not without foundation.

oured fighter aircraft gave their pilots the best chances of avoiding visible detection. I admit that a Tornado F3 Striker moves a little faster than Ryan Giggs.

Yours etc., L M. STANLEY. 52 Essex Gardens. Hornchurch,

SPORTS LETTERS

More to rugby Manchester United, the public's finest From Mr Hammond Smith

Kevin Keegan, "the people's manager" (Midweek View,

velop their own young play-ers, and when they spend their money (in fact, very little recently - they are in a transfer surplus), it is money that has been generated by their own success on the field rather than pumped in by rich

HAMMOND SMITH.

From the Reverend R. P. Stacy Sir, Consider this extract from

After lengthy studies, the RAF concluded that grey-col-

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the City, published in 1910, which I must have read for the first time as a boy at Rugby in

departmental head, Mr Psmith held up his hand Psimin new up his name... I engaged [Bannister] in conversation on the subject of the Football League, and I was trying to correct his view that Newcastle United has the best team always by when were the best team playing, when

1919. The exchanges are be-

tween Psmith, his fellow bank

clerk, Bannister, and their

you arrived.' . . . 'My own view,' said Psmith, was that Manchester United were by far the finest team before the 'Get on with your work, Smith.' Mr Rossiter stumped off to his

desk, where he sat as one in 'Smith,' he said at the end of five

minutes. Psmith slid from his stool, and made his way deferen-Bannister's a fool, snapped Mr

'So I thought,' said Psmith.
'A perfect fool. He always was.'
Psmith shook his head sorrowfully, as who should say, 'Exit There is no team playing today to touch Manchester United.

The Master is uncarmily right on all sporting matters and I am glad to share his wisdom with your readers particularly those working in banks who want to "Get On"! Yours sincerely,

PAT STACY WADDY, White House Court, Ashford,

BUILDING SOCIETIES ACT 1986 CONFIRMATION HEARING NATIONAL & PROVINCIAL BUILDING SOCIETY

Notice is hereby given that National & Provincial Building Society has applied to the Building Societies Commission to confirm, under section 98 of the Act, the transfer of its business to Abbey National plc and the terms of the transfer.

Any interested party has the right to make written or oral representations, or both, to the Commission with respect to this

Written representations must reach the Commission by 12 noon.

Written notice of intention to make oral representations must also reach the Commission by 12 noon on 13 May 1996. The Commission intends to hear oral representations on 3 June 1996 and will advise intending participants of the time and

The Act provides that the Commission must confirm a transfer (a) some information material to the members' decision

about the transfer was not made available to all the members eligible to vote; or (b) the vote on any resolution approving the transfer does not represent the views of the members eligible to vote;

(c) there is a substantial risk that the successor company will not be authorised under the Banking Act 1987; or (d) some relevant requirement of the Act or the rules of the Society was not fulfilled.

The address of the Building Societies Commission is 15 Great Marlborough Screet, London WIV 2LL.

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Bayern take final step as Spanish fall flat

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

JOHAN CRUYFF was putting a brave face on it. but the sense of disappointment spread far beyond the Nou Camp stadium yesterday as Barcelona, giant football club and city in turn, came to terms with defeat in the Uefa Cup on Tuesday night. In a season in which much was expected, if not demanded, Europe repre-sented Barcetona's best and probably last hope of success, but a 2-1 defeat by Bayern Munich in front of 110,000 passionate and partisan supporters ranks as one of the most frustrating nights of Cruyff's reign.

Worse, Bayern were worthy winners and, had their finisbing reached their normal high standards, would have done so more comfortably. The 4-3 aggregate score, after the 2-2 draw in the Olympic stadium in Munich a fortnight earlier, flattered the losers

Mehmet Scholl was the match-winner, taunting Bar-celona down both flanks. He set up the opening goal for Babbel in the fortieth minute. with a fierce drive that Busquets. the goalkeeper, could only push into the path of the defender, and also gave Klinsmann two opportunities to extend his tally of 14 goals in this season's competition after the interval. Unusually, Klinsmann squandered them, It was only when Witeczek, with a deflected shot, extended the lead with seven minutes

left that Bayern could feel safe. De la Peña, with a free kick moments before the end, provided Barcelona's only consolation, but even that was a double-edged sword. His absence from the starting line-up and subsequent impact as a 75th-minute substitute will do nothing to ease the pressure on Cruyff, the Barcelona coach. The brilliant 19-yearold midfield player, a favourite at the Nou Camp, is reportedly unhappy at the club and is strongly linked with Real Madrid. Beaten by Atletico Madrid in the Spanish Cup final last week and

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

PARIS Saint-Germain know

all about déjà vu. It has

become something of a recur-

ring nightmare. Each year.

they reach the semi-final of a

European competition -

European Cup. Uefa Cup.

Cup Winners' Cup. doesn't

matter - and, each year, they lose. The glamour final is

contested by somebody else

and the trophy they crave as

proof of their place among the

Continent's elite is paraded

elsewhere. Tomorrow, Saint-

Germain will try, once again,

This year, Deportivo La Coruña stand between Paris

and European glory, which,

this year, means the Cup

Wmners' Cup. Although Youri

Djorkaeff's spectacular goal in

the first leg gives the French a

I-O lead on aggregate and.

surely, their best chance yet of

progressing. Parisian mutter-

to break the cycle.

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destined for Atlético as well. tosing de la Peña to their deadliest rivals would be another devastating blow to

Barcelona's pride.
"We have to be happy."
Cruyff said of the defeat. "You have to play well to be still playing the competitions at the end of the season." His optimism did not sound very convincing.
Tuesday's celebrations took

place elsewhere, in Munich, enjoying a Klinsmann-in-spired revival guaranteed to frustrate any Tottenham Hotspur supporter in Bordeaux, where the French club finished off the challenge of Slavia Prague, and in the offices of Uefa itself in Switzerland, where Bordeaux's win offered unexpected justification for the maligned ther Toto Cup. Bordeaux only qualified for the Uefa Cup via the Inter Toto tournament, yet. despite mediocre league form, sensationally dispatched AC Milan in the quarter-finals before bouncing out the

"I know a lot of coaches were against entering the tnterToto Cup because they thought it would cut short players' holidays and damage preparations," Alain Afflelou. the Bordeaux club president said yesterday, "but I saw it as a reprieve for a team which had narrowly missed out on a Uefa Cup place. It did not affect us in pre-season and now I see lots of coaches from teams in mid-table are starting to talk about qualifying for

the InterToto Cup."
Inspired again by their outstanding trio of Zidane and Lizarazu in midfield and Dugarry up front, Bordeaux had little trouble seeing off Slavia. Tholor's 46th-minute effort gave them a 1-0 win on the night and a 2-0 victory on aggregate in what was their eighteenth match of the season in Europe, a record in itself. Against France's first Uefa Cup finalist since 1978, Bay-ern, the strongest of favourites for the two-leg final, should with the league title seemingly beware.

ings that the Spaniards have

nothing to lose when they take

the field at the Parc des

way to winning the trophy.

The following year, Saint-Germain were widely expect-

ed to dispose of Arsenal in the

semi-finals of the Cup Win-

ners' Cup, but they lost and it

was Arsenal who went on to

beat Parma in the final. When

AC Milan almost repeated the

trick in the European Cup last

season - they won the semi-

final but lost in the final -

defeat was becoming all too

will be different. Today, we

are sufficently experienced to

break the barrier." Bernard

Lama, the goalkeeper in all

three semi-final losses, said.

"We know we can get over it because we have a foundation

This year, Paris promise,

familiar.

Princes are understandable. In 1993, for instance, Juventus beat them in the last four of the Uefa Cup on the

Ferguson's hopes for European finals ended by injury

By KEVIN McCarra

DUNCAN FERGUSON will not play in the European football championship finals for Scotland this summer. The Everton forward was examined yesterday by a specialist who concluded that he now needs complete rest to cure the persistent groin strain that has bedevilled him. Ferguson will not appear in either of his club's two remaining teague games.

Craig Brown, the Scotland manager, was at Goodison on Tuesday to see Ferguson's last game of the season, a 1-t draw with Liverpoot. Yesterday, he received the news from Joe Royle the Everton manager, of the severity of Ferguson's condition. "He was given two injections in order to play." reported Brown, "but once they wore off he was barely able to walk."

Ferguson's career has in the past been disrupted by the consequences of his indiscipline and he spent six weeks in jail last year after being found guilty of assault during a match for Rangers against Raith Rovers in 1994. However, it may be that the vulnerability of his body, rather than any volatility of character, will, in the long term, create the greater doubts over his prospects.

With Everton, he has already had two hernia operations and the specialist concluded that further surgery would serve no purpose. Ferguson, 24, has for one reason or another, been unavailable to play for Scotland since he participated in the I-0 defeat by Greece in December

Brown is sympathetic towards the player, but does remain puzzled that so much importance is placed by others on a forward who has still to score for his country after five appearances. Nonetheless, many observers did see Ferguson as capable of adding an intensity to the Scotland attack that it lacks at

As it is, Brown is yet to forge a parmership of forwards for the European championship. He may, in the circumstances, have been particularly pleased to note Scott Booth's Aberdeen against Partick Thistle on Tuesday. told earlier this week that his tournament was a friendly week.



Like Ferguson, a groin injury has also deprived him of much of the season.

The principal comfort for the Scotland manager lies in the fact that Ferguson is no longer a tantalising presence on the edge of his thoughts. For Brown, whose side play A and B internationals in Denmark next week, it will now be much easier to make firm

There was, however, some good news for Brown, regarding the international future of Mark Crossley, the Nottingham Forest goalkeeper.

Deportivo, coached by John

Toshack, must be envious. They will be without at least

four key players — the Brazil international, Mauro Silva, Fran, Martinez and Djukic —

and much will depend on the

form of Bebeto, their brilliant,

In Rotterdam, Feyenoord

and Rapid Vienna, level at 1-1

in their semi-final after the

first leg, are indulging in mind

games before the main event.

Arie Haan, the Feyenoord coach, was being cagey yester-

day. "I enjoy the pyschological game," he said. "I want to

keep everyone guessing as to

To which Ernst Dukopil,

the Rapid coach, responded:

"Feyenoord have to score to go through to the final. They have little choice in choosing their

tactics after the first-leg result.

if delicate, Brazilian striker.

hopes of playing for Scotland had been dashed because of competition and therefore inhis appearances for the England Under-21 side. The Football Association yesterday disagreed, a spokesman saying that officials see no reason

virtue of having a Scottish Crossley played for Eng-land Under-2) in the 1990 Toulon tournament and Brown believed that, as a

Uefa competition, the appearance made him ineligible to make the switch

why Crossley should not qual-

ify to play for the Scots by

grandmother.

sists that there is nothing to stop Crossley from playing for Scotland in the future. "As far as I'm concerned

I'm eligible. The FA say I'm eligible and Craig Brown wants me to play, so I can't understand what is going on at the moment," Crossley said.
"I wouldn't have gone to all

the trouble of scoding them birth certificates if I didn't think there was a chance of playing for Scotland." Now Crossley is hoping

that he may yet get a call from Brown for the International match against Denmark next

beckon for England

ENGLAND'S women foot-

their group matches and conceded 14 goals, including five against England in their meeting at The Valley in November. Since that game, England have been beaten by Italy. who now sit securely in the one automatic qualification spot at the top of the table, and the best England can hope for is a place in the play-offs which a win against Croatia would ensure.

An enormous boost for England is the return of Karen Burke, the midfield player. who missed the game in Italy. but Ted Copeland, the manager, has had to make a number

of changes. Karen Farley, his firstchoice front player, and Becky Easton are unfit after suffering injuries and Karen Walker, whose form has dipped below her usually high standards, has been dropped. In come Tara Proctor, Mary Phillips and Vicky Exley with only one full international appearance between them.

BNGLAND (probable) P Cope, D Bampion, M Marley, K Devis, T Mapes, G Coultard, K Burke, S Williams, K Smith, H Powell, T Prodor

The FA says that the Toulon

ballers play Croatia in a European championship qualifying march today just six days before Terry Venables's team repeats the exercise at Wembley. While the men should provide a strict examination of England's Euro '96 credentials, the Croatian women's team in Osijek is unlikely to be the force that bars England's progress to the play-offs for the 1997 Euro-

Croatia have lost all three of

European play-offs

By SARAH FORDE

Seedings rule puts

seeded to win the gold medal in the European badminton

they may meet the most dangerous partnership. Par-Gunnar Jonsson and Astrid Crabo, of Sweden. The Swedes are unseeded, not having previously played together in

Chapman shows way

GOLF: The regular mid-April stot for the Peter McEvoy Trophy invariably dictates that the prevailing conditions would test the resolve of the most experienced of players on the PGA European Tour. For the under-18s, the chilled showers of Copi Heath made even attempting to break par the most daunting of challenges. Steven Chapman, of Cornwall, however, managed it and his second-round 69 two under par, left him with a four-shot halfway lead. Chapman's nearest challenger was Paul Barnard, of Ipswich, on 145.

arrived. We are far from happy with the situation."

CYCLING: Lance Armstrong, the 1993 world champion, became the first American to win the 200.5km Fleche Wallonne classic in Belgium yesterday. Didier Rous, of France, finished second and Maurizio Fondriest, the former world champion from Italy. was third. Armstrong, who will attempt to complete the Ardennes double this weekend in the Liège-Bastogne-Liège classic, broke away with Rous 10km from the finish and drew away from the Frenchman in the

British dominance draws to a close

FROM NORMAN DE MESQUITA IN EINDHOVEN

THE Jekyll and Hyde character of the Great Britain ice hockey team was never more in evidence than during their 3-3 draw with Japan on Tuesday in pool B of the world championship here.

in the first period it was all Britain, with Japan outclassed, and a 3-0 lead was the least the British team deserved.

However, in the second period old failings resurfaced as Japan scored three times without reply. The third period saw both aspects of the British game and, in the end, they were a shade unfortunate not to win. A more aware referee might have seen Mike Bishop's shot hit the back of the goal before coming out. efficial also disallowed a late Steve Moria goal, despite the rule which makes it clear that a goal can be scored off a forward's skate as long as it is

an unintentional deflection. These incidents brought to the fore once again the poor quality of refereeing at ice hockey world championships; the International Ice Hockey Federation (HHF) seems to believe that all countries should be represented, however inexperienced their officials might be. The Swiss referee on Tues-

day is not the worst here. A Dutch official awarded the wrong penalty during an earlier game and the referees' supervisor came down from his seat to have the decision changed. Such shortcomings make life difficult for players and frustrating for supporters. The IIHF must realise that standards of officiating are more important than keeping its member countries

happy. ☐ Nottingham Panthers have agreed to join the new Superleague completing a line-up of eight clubs for the inaugural competition next season. They will join Cardiff Devils, Manchester Storm. Bracknell Bees, Sheffield Steelers. Basingstoke Bison, Newcastle Wasps and a team

from Ayr.

They have also enjoyed some timely luck with injuries this week, with Rai, the Brazil midfield player, Loko, the striker, and Bravo, another midfield man, all doubtful at one time, pronounced fit.

of players for four years now

that can pull us to the

Paris aim to break cycle of defeat



Rai: declared fit

They have to go on the attack." A good guess or a bad guess? Only time will tell.

FOR USE RECORD

BADMINTON HEPNING, Denmark: European championships (selected results): Men'a singles: Pirst nound: J Oleson (Swe) bt G Lewis (Vales) 15-3, 15-3; C Haupiton (Eng) bt Coberson (Sooi) 15-5, 15-6; P Knowles (Eng) bt M Aydogmus (Tur) 15-0, 15-3; V Izkov Fluss) bt D O'Halloran (Ire) 15-4, 15-6, R Vaupitan (Wales) bt F Postsuca (Rom) 15-10, 15-2; Women's singles: First round: T Groves (Eng) bt C O'Sullivan (Ire) 11-1, 11-1, J Muggenfüg (Eng) bt K Ruchti (Pol) 11-2, 11-2; G Martin (Sooi) bt N Groves-Burke (Wales) 11-4, 11-3; S MoGonn (Ire) bt K Villu (Est) 11-8, 11-3, A Humby (Eng) bt O Smillanova (Bul) 11-1, 11-0. Tuesday's late results

BASEBALL

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and 2, 2, and K Sharp (Royal Eastbourne, Collingtine Pk) bit 0 and A Greenhalgh (Royal Mid Surrey) 4 and 3, G and A Galespie (Worplascot at) bit W and C Pearos. (Royal North Devon, West Hill) 3 and 2; V and G Davis (Wyle Green | bit A and R Oakes (Huristanton) 2 holes, F and 0 Story (Mullion, Luthock) bit J and J Green (RAG, Exonne Manara) 3 and 2, A and J Sperrow (Lytham Green Dove) bit 0 and 0 Dunnett (Allon) 3 and 2.

ICE HOCKEY ENDHOVEN, Holland: World champion-strips: Pool B: Lativis 4 Poland 2. Great British 3 Japan 3 REAL TENNIS

OUSEN'S CLUB: British Land national under-24 chemplonaing: Final: R Gunn bt O Jones 6-1, 6-5, 6-3 Under-21 champion-ship: Final: J Wilcocks in A Biosse 6-1, 4-6, 6-3

RUGBY UNION

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: First division: Lla-nelli 39 Aberavon 0 Second division: Tenby United 5 Durwani 36 CLUB MATCH: Crumen 10 Cross Keys 48 WILLIS CORROON SHIELD: Army 31 RAF 23

TENNIS

PAGET, Bermuda: Men's tournament: First round: M Washington (US) bt L Jansen (US) 6-3, 6-4, J Apel (Sere) bt A Rechtel (US) 2-6, 7-5, 6-4. D ber (Ser) bt M Joyca (US) 6-4, 7-6; N Laperati (Scu) bt K Novacek (Cs) 7-6, 3-6, 6-4. M Filippini (Ibu) bt G Elis (Argi 6-2, 3-6, 6-2, A lie (Aus) bt J Stotenberg (Aus) 6-3, 6-2. B Shelson (US) bt O Gross (Get) 6-1, 6-2. J Frans (Arg) bt M Charperther (Arg) 6-3, 6-2.

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TOKYO: Japen Open (Jopan unless staled) Men; First round: Women: T Susulable N Kudii (Sinel 6-3, 6-1; S Matsukka bi C Ceratir (in) 6-1, 7-6, R Reneberg (US) bit S Black (Zimi 6-3, 6-0; O Prinosil (Ger) bit S Stolle (Aus) 6-1, 6-4 First round: A Sugrama bit Tang Min (HK) 6-1, 6-4 K Date bit H Hirski 6-3, 6-1

Whitaker hoping to develop **Olympic** experience

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN

GREAT Britain will continue their preparations for the Olympic hockey tournament with a trip to Ipoh. Malaysia. to take part in the Sultan Azlan Shah competition from May 4 to t2.

The event will bring them into conflict with Australia, India, Pakistan, Holland and the host nadon. Germany, the Olympic champions, had been scheduled to play but recently withdrew. Holland, the replacements

for Germany, will, like Pakistan and India, send their under-21 team, probably as a preparatory measure for the junior World Cup to be staged in Milton Keynes next year.

The tournament is impor-tant to Britain in that it offers a chance to evaluate Australia and Malaysia, both of whom are in their pool for the

Frank Murray, the Australia coach, who has been attending the six nations tournament here in Atlanta this week, said that he will be taking a strong side to tpoh and that it would include a few rising young players. "I hope we shall be able to play some

good hockey," he said. David Whitaker, the Britain coach, believes that the tournament in Ipoh will help his players to acclimatise to the humidity and high temperatures they will experience when they return to Atlanta in

After the Malaysia trip. Britain will lace two fournation tournaments, the first in Milton Keynes from June 13 to 16, the second in Amsterdam from June 19 to 23. The opposition in both events will be Germany, Holland and Pakistan. This means that by the end of June, Britain will have played every team in their Olympic pool, except

South Africa. The South Africans, coached by Gavin Featherstone, a former England and Great Britain international, are due to play two tournaments in Australia in May. They will be opposed by Australia, India

and New Zealand. On Tuesday night, Pakistan beat South Korea 3-0 to record their tourth successive victory in the six nations event here. Tahir Zaman, the Pakistan captain, scored the first and third goals. His first came after 12 minutes from the penalty spot and the second a minute before the interval. Sharafat Mehmood scored the

other goal. Sang-nyul Kim, the South Korea manager, said: "Paki-stan were more skitful loday. controlled the midfield and played more as a team than in our last matches with them. They were also quicker, but I think my players have had too

much hockey and are tired."

Britons fail to make flying start in time for World Cup

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR

THE two British riders competing io the Volvo showjumping World Cup here — John Whitaker and Nick Sketton - made an inauspicious start to the fiveday final yesterday. Whitaker missed his flight from Heathrow and did not arrive in time to jump Grannusch in the

opening warm-up class. Skelton, who was yesterday invited by the World Cup committee to make the draw for the first teg of the final, could not find the room in the Palexpo hall where the meeting was taking place and

eventually gave up looking. The two Bridsh riders are drawn 24th and 31st which, providing their resolve is sharper than it was yesterday. should be an advantage. The first teg, judged on speed with seconds added for a knockdown, favours the later riders who tearn from the mistakes

of the earlier ones. Whitaker's wife, Claire, who did catch the aeroplane. indicated that he still intends to ride Grannusch in the first teg tonight and keep his top horse. Welham, aged 16, for the bigger second and third

legs tomorrow and Sunday. Skelton, who is attempting a second successive World Cup win on Dollar Girl, had a reassuring outing in the warm-up class. He put the 16year-old mare neatly over the first seven fences and then, confident that she was "tuned

up", retired her. "It's the best ground we've had all year," Skelton said. With Dollar Girl fitter than she has ever been, Skelton's morale, on the eve of the final, is high. His only grievance was a description of himself in the official programme as a caractère difficile". He was keen to have words with the

author. Most of the riders in the class yesterday, which was won by Philippe Rozier, of France, on Flyer Baiko, used it as a schooling round. One of the most impressive of these came from Franke Sloothaak, of Germany, the world champion, on Weihaiwej, whose flawless clear round confirmed them

as one of the favourites. Sloothaak's compatriot Ludger Beerbaum, the Olympic champion and winner of the 1993 World Cup, jumped the first few fences on Gaylord and then retired him. He said later that Gaylord - the horse on which he beat Skelton and Dollar Girl by a hundredth of a second in London in December — would be his ride for the first two legs. In the third round he will ride Rush On, the winner in Paris last month.

RESULTS: Prix d'Ouverture: 1, Flyet Baiko (P Rochet Fr) D'autits in 47 8sec, 2, Pilcadero (H Hansen, US) 4 in 41 7, 3, Enneo (L Nieberg, Ger) 43 in 79.1

THE PARTY SHOW THE PARTY SHOW THE

medal hopes at risk StMON ARCHER and Julie Bradbury, of England, who are

championships at Herning. Denmark, may miss out on any medal at all (Richard Eaton writes). Archer and Bradbury, the world grand prix runners-up. began with a t5-3, 15-6 win yesterday over Manuel Dubrulle and Virginie Delvingt, of France, but in the quarter-finals

tournaments in the past year.

Wigan transfer row

RUGBY LEAGUE: Wigan are demanding that Perth Western Reds do not play Barrie-Jon Mather again, until his transfer dispute is settled (Christopher Irvine writes). Mather appeared in an Australian Premiership game, when Wigan had only consented to him training with Perth. Jack Robinson, the Wigan chairman, said: "They had 95 per cent agreed a payment with us and we were expecting a £50,000 initial fee. But with the upheaval in Australia that never

Victory for Armstrong

final metres of the Huy climb to claim a famous victory.

'Like children

arriving for a

Marathon goody-bag proves sweet reward

BRYANT'S

here is something mysteriously childlike about a marathon runner. Watching the thousands queueing to register for the Flora London Marathon, which takes place on Sunday, you realise that they have all the enthusiasm of children lurning up for a birthday party. What excites them is not the thought of caring not which are the fastest running 26 miles. That is terrifying. courses, but which have the best-Nor is it the prospect

of getting the race over with. That leaves them in pain for days. What makes them so enthusiastic is a simple secret known

birthday party' to everyone who has ever organised a children's party — waiting for them is a bag full of free goodies. If they are lucky, there is another bag of goodies when they go home.

The goody-bag for runners is something that appeared with the mass participation folk festivals that are now the big-city marathons. The men who got them under way in the Seventies and Eighties were living embodiments of childlike enthusiasm

BY HER own admission, Liz McColgan had run to the

crossroads and was in danger of going straight on. "I was at an uncertain point in my career, she said yesterday. I would probably have run myself into the ground. I

would probably sull be hitting

my head against the wall, not gening the performances I am capable of." What happened? Like a traffic cop. Greie Waitz appeared from a side road. One might have been tempt-

ed. listening to McColgan talking confidently about her prospects for the Flora London Marathon on Sunday - 1 am

as well prepared as I have ever

been" - to conclude that we

The complete list of finishers and times will be published

in The Times next week.

had beard it all before. Two

London Marathons on far, neither producing a victory. and a seventh place in her

must recent marathon, in Tokyo lasi November, serve only

tu remind us that her fastest

rime was set five years ago and, at 2hr 27min 32sec, it is not, as she said herself. "that

it was that McColgan's apti-

mism was endorsed by one of

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figures. Waitz not only com-

piled a marathon career com-

prising nine New York City

victories, two London tri-

umphs, a world title and an

she was renowned for her

lough a personal best". What made yesterday differ-

- men such as Fred Lebow in New York and Chris Brasher in London. Such men, it seems, grow old but, wonderfully, never grow up.

There are runners, many of them in London right now, who globe-trot - running marathons in New York, Paris, London, Berlin or Boston -

stuffed goody-bags. So what is in these mysterious bags that send full-grown and finely-trained men and women on their way with such childlike grins? What delights have Flora and

the team behind the London Marathon come up with? Along with their race numbers, the thousands who check in carry away with them a hag that gives remarkable insight into the strange and obsessive world of the marathon runner. The most essential item, apparently, is the tub of Vaseline. Marathon runners are meant to be well-oiled machines. The preferred lubricant is Vaseline - and it goes on

all moving parts: between the toes, under the arms - and to places only marathon runners care about.

There are go-faster nasal strips. These are strange plasters that flare the nostrils and terrify the opposition. They will be hot fashion on Sunday. There is the invitation to a Carbo Carnival", for, despite their skinny appearance, marathon runners like to eat their own bodyweight in carbohydrates before they race. There is information on heart monitors, disturbing if you are undertrained, and gifts aplenty — sports rubs, magazines, salety pins, first-day Post Office covers, mineral water and some Batchelors pasta and sauce. Along with all these essentials come pages of last-minute instruc-tions — the most important of which is advice not to use the gardens of people around Blackheath as loos.

The goody-bag at the finish is no less fascinating. Here for the enthusiastic child of the marathon is the customised Tshirt — only available if you have covered the whole 26 miles. and, according to Dave Bedford, the

race's head of marketing, "the most sought-after souvenir". "I went through the wall," boasts the legend on the front - an allusion to the belief that a mysterious. metaphorical wall exists at around 21 miles that runners must climb, crash through, or crawl over to reach the finish. There is, too, yet more pasta and sauce, an apple all the way from New Zealand, more water, a sports

drink - and a fruit and carbohydrate energy bar.

How anyone ever completed a marathon in the days before the goody-bag is, of course, a mystery: but the marathon party is not over for the runners until they collect the medal. In the long-ago mists of marathoning, you had to finish first, second or third to win a medal. Now, there are medals for

'Gifts aplenty -On the back of the coveted award this rubs, pins, year is an inspiracionthought from magazines' Ralph Waldo Emerson, the 19th-century

American poet and essayist. "Nothing great," it says, "was ever achieved without

Enthusiasm is the only thing that the organisers have been unable to stuff in to those goody-bags, but, like the runners, the thousands who turn out to cheer bring bags of enthusiasm

low Norwegian, who holds the

world best at 2hr 21min 06sec.

had a run out in 2hr 38min.

Waitz, though, is not tempted

to make a nostalgic return to

London's streets. "I know I am

a lot slower," she said. "I do

not have to prove it." Proving

herself as a coach is all that

maners now.

JOHN BRYANT Norwegian's influence helps Scottish ace back on road to success

RADIO CHOICE

The key to a music feast

Evening Concert. Classic FM. 8.00pm.

Weird and wonderful are some of the themes that decide the content of these evening concerts on Classic FM. Last night, every item was designed to help us to plan our summer holiday. Weather and the seasons are great favourites; so are animals and the first of this, that, or the other. There is a hint of desperation, however, in the theme tonight. Everything is in the key of D. This gives the compiler of Classic FM's programme schedules a once-in-a-lifetime chance to talk about "a D-lightful concert". And indeed, with one possible exception, it is a delightful choice — Brahms's Symphony No 2. Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto, a Telemann Trumpet Concerto, and that D—cidedly overfamiliar Canon by Pachelbel.

Utopia and Other Destinations. Radio 4, 11.30pm.

Interviewer Michael O'Donnell gives film director Peter Greenaway a fair hearing tonight. This is something he does not always get from the crices, which explains why his Utopia would not be rpopulated with them: Would there be cinemas in his Utopia? No if all they showed were films such as Jurassic Park, which Greenaway wrongly anributes to Michael Scorsese. In Greenaway's book, Eisenstein is the only cinema genius, and a fusion of Eisenstein and Joyce's Ulysses would be his cinematic ideal. Because Greenaway is probably the cinema's leading intellectual aesthete, his heaven on earth would exclude Desert Island Discs.

RADIO 1

Waitz puts spring in McColgan's step

FM Stereo 4.00am Cive Warren 5.30 Chos Evans 9.00 Smon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley, Incl at 12.30-12.45pm News-beat 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier, Incl 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Sesson 9.00 Soundbile 19.00 Mark Raddiffe 12.00 Clarre Sturgess, Incl at 12.15am The Net

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TALK RADIO 6.30am The Breaklast Show with Paul

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5.00 The Music Machine, With

Jance Forsyth

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9.00 Morning Collection, with Cathoria Young C P E Bach (Double Concert in E flat Wq 47), Chopin [Polonaises, Op

 47. Choon (Polonaises, Optosith: in A flat, 1821; in Gesharp minor, 1822). Bruch (Symphony No 3 in E)
 10.00 Musical Encounters, presented by Piers Burton-Page. Artist of the Week: Charles Groves conducts the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Delus (A Sono for Sugment) Hoyar Prunamonic Urtinesura, Delius (A Song lor Summer) 10.11 Charpentier (Médee, Act 4I. Griffes (The Pleasure-Dome of Kubla Khan), Morion Gould |Fall River Legend): Sibelius (Symphony No 5, 1915 version)

1915 version)
12.00 Composer of the Week:
Debussy, Includes.
Noctumes, La Puerto del
vino, Les Terrasses des
audiences (Prefudes Bkil),
Les Parfum de la nuit; Le
Matin d'un jour de tete
(Imanes)

(Images) 1.00pm We Must Get Together Some Time. Gordon Ste introduces a selection of 2.00 Schools Radio Showcase 2.05 In the News 2.25

Something to Think About 2.40 Music Workshop 3.00 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under George Hurst, Benjamin Frith, plano

(Brandenburg Concerto No 2 m F. BWV 1047)
7.30 The Sibeflus Symphonies.
From the Barbican Hall in London. The Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra under Neeme Jarvi. The Oceanides:

Symphony No 4; Symphony No 1 introduced by Michael Oliver 9.20 Emotion Pictures, by Wim Wenders The lourth part of the road movie for the radio.

9.40 Master Strokes. Telemann (The Faithful Music Master, excerpts)
10.00 Music Restored, with Helen
Garnson, A concert of 13th
and 14th-century motels

performed by Sinfonye in Cheltenham last year 10.45 Night Waves. Humphrey Carpenter lalks to Ray Monk about his biography of Bertrand Russell and visits a new sculpture exhibition in

11.30 Composer of the Week: Georg Muttet (r) 12.30-1.00em Jazz Notes. With Digby Fairweather

THEUNEXPLAINET Was George Herbert, The Earl of Сагнатуол a victim of the curse of

Tutankhamen

McColgan, right, with Helen Kimaiyo, of Kenya, at Tower Bridge yesterday, part of the route of the London Marathon. Photograph: Adrian Sherratt

she [McColgan] should win we must trust that McColgan has a better than even chance of giving London its first British women's champion since Veronique Marot in

Olympic silver medal, but also Waitz has been coaching honesty. So, when Waitz says McColgan since London last that "hased un her training. year and explains away her

performance in Tokyo as an experiment of training at altitude before a marathon that did not work. They teamed up after Waitz kept coming across McColgan training in Gainesville, Florida.

"I saw how she looked and I was shaking my head," Waitz said. "She looked tired all the time. I told her that, if she needed my help. I was available." McColgan's fifth place in London, with each of her marathons gening progressively slower, convinced her that Waitz might have something to offer.

"After London, she wrote me a lener and asked if I would coach her," Waitz said. "Liz does not benefit from the type of running Uta Pippig the Boston champion does -140 to 150 miles a week. She needs the balance between

quantity and quality."
Under Waitz, McColgan reduced her mileage and upgraded her quality sessions. When she was self-coached, none of her miles were really easy and none were as hard as they were supposed to be because she was too tired," Waitz said.

McColgan's iron will and heavy training mileage is legendary and, even after the new partnership began. Waitz had to give her charge, the 1991 world 10.000 metres champion, an ultimatum.

"My biggest problem was convincing her that, to train hard, you have 10 allow yourself a chance to recover," Waitz said, "Liz has been afraid of taking days off. We had our differences. She would do a linle bit of her training and a little bit of mine

and I said either we do it my way or not at all. "t have been there in the marathon and t told Liz I have

made the mistakes for her. To coach such a dedicated and disciplined athlete is a pleasure. I do not see any reason why she cannot run as fast as t did or even faster, on the right day on the right course." Right course it may be on

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44 BERMOOTHES

(cl Pronounced as a trisyllable to rhyme with "her bnotees". The name of the island in *The Tempest*, feigned by Shakespeare to be enchanted and inhabited by witches and devils. He probably had the newly discovered Bermudas ranting around at the back of his magnie mind.

Ic) A river of liquid fire in Hades, flowing into the Acheron, the "woeful river". Cocytus "lamentation", and 5tyx, "abhorred Styx, the flood of deadly hate". From the Greek phlegein to burn. The Ancient underworld was a masty waterland. Millon again: Ferce Phlegethon,/ Whose waves of torrent fire inflame with rage."

(b) Originating in the 13th century as an organisation of German merchants trading in northern Europe, it became a loose federation of nearly 100 towns by the mid-14th century. They were headed by Lübeck. It acquired a monopoly of the Baltic trade and dominated the North Sea ules untit challenged by English, Dutch, and Scandinavian competitors in the 15th century. CHARIVARI

(at A French term for an uproor caused by banging pans and kettles and accompanied by hissing, shouting, etc., to express disapproval. As a verb (charivariser) it means to subject someone to disapproval. Originally a common practice at weddings in medieval France, it was later only used as a derisive or saffrical demonstration at unpopular weddings.

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1.40 The Archers
2.00 News; The Electric Angel,
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a young man from Oban who
comes to the big city for a job
and meets the girl of his
dreams. With Liam Brennan.
Deirdre Davis and Anne
Kristen

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Analysis: Defusing the Population Bomb. The world's human population is world's human population is growing at an unprecedented rate. Richard D. North examines the evidence for a cheerful view of the population explosion 8.45 Better Left Uneald? The second of six unsent letters Actress and writer Pul Fan Lee writes to her former lover

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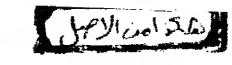
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chap - bit of a rogue, bit of a loner - who somewhere along the line has mistaid his first name. Tinkle. tinkle went a second-and-a-half of misleading piano and then, dooowoop. Madson (BBCI) had Madson — surprise, surprise —

turned out to be a bit of a rogue. Used to be a professional gambler but has spent the past eight years in prison which, by the way, is why he is also a bit of a loner. But now he is out, having gained a law degree and used it to conduct a successful appeal against his conviction for murdering his wife. John (what are formulas for, if oot

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From the first lazily slid note,

redolent of late nights and low

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Bit of a lonesome rogue? Must be McShane There ought to be a law against theme tunes that to be broken?) Madson is now a man on a mission. He wants a job, include a swooping double

He will, of course, get one hut we're getting ahead of ourselves. Two things needed to be estab-lished in last night's opening episode. First Ian McShane needed to cast out the friendly and highly profitable ghost of Lovejoy.
This he did pretty successfully where Lovejoy (another ex-con) was scheming and funny. Madson is industrious and miserable. Lovejoy would sell you the midnight oil, Madson burns it.

The second crucial thing was to establish Madson as a man alone, yet surrounded by attractive women. Hardly a challenge to a resourceful easting director, but successfully arranged nonetheless. There was Elaine (Shirley Anne Field), his prison visitor, who now Madson is free is ourwardly concerned that he might be maer get the impression that she wouldn't much mind if he did. The ghost of Lady Jane walked again.

Then there was Magda (Joanna Kanska), high-flying lawyer, po-tential employer and first flirt in line. "No mayonnaise," they shouted meaningfully at each other from time to time. What hope a relationship based on salad dressing? We shall see.

astly there was Sarah (Jayne Ashbourne), who spent most of the episode as Madson's daughter in law until her husband (and his son) succumbed to the drug overdose that had already left him in a coma. She was distraught, he was distraught. She, however, is very pretty and he is newly out of prison. A curious episode with a prostitute (111 have a cup of tea please, Mandy may have established him as a man of commendable restraint and she nipulating her. Secretly, you rath- may be young enough to be...

REVIEW



Bond

well, his son's widow, but I fear complications lie ahead.

As is traditional in McShane productions, male companionship came in the form of a double act: Gordon Berry (Thomas Craig) and his Uncle Donald (David Arlen), two likeable rogues who run a car repossession business together with a bit of freelance breaking and entering. How they know Madson has not yet been explained, but my guess is that Eric 1'm David Thwaites from the and three out of three on departand Tinker introduced them.

Apart from Madson's unprisonlike tan and one horrendous edit which saw Magda begin a sentence on one side of the road and finish it on the other, the series made an encouraging start. Swoop away, Mr Bassman.

From dooo-woops to ding-dingding. University Challenge (BBC2) last night reached the semi-final stage in absolutely cracking form. Jeremy Paxman is now perfectly at home in the chair, the questions range from the easy to the fiendishly esoteric and, best of all, last night was a serious grudge match, pitting the effortless superiority of Selwyn College, Cambridge, against the angry young men (and they were all men) of the London School of Economics. Or

It soon became clear that my student stereotypes were a good decade or two out of date. "Hello,

so I thought.

reborn county of Rutland," said a friendly looking chap from the LSE. In my day he would have been an egg-throwing member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Rutland. As for Selwyn, they seemed to have perfected the art of effortless inferiority. On the rare occasions they did bother to

press their buzzers, they were

nearly always wrong.

nstoppable best describes the LSE team. In June 1995 which multinational...?" "Shell." OK. so you'd expect them to be good on the unacceptable faces of capitalism, but it didn't stop there. They got two out of three on Einstein (I got one and only then because it came up in the first chapter of A Brief History of Time); three out of three on 20th-century philosophers

(none - how was I to know

Kierkegaard was 19th century?)

ment stores (two, but then I've never been to Moscow). An LSE that knows department stores is surely destined to go all the way. On Channel 4, a Dispatches learn was showing that they knew an awfu) lot about Sudan's alleged

role as a centre for training (starnic terrorists. Unfortunately, neither Deborah Davies, the reporter, nor Dominic Ozanne, the director, seemed to have given quite enough thought to how to make their subject interesting for others. But, once you got past a baffling-

ly complex opening ten minutes and some over-hostile questioning from Davies, the pair got into their stride. Their research was extensive and the subsequent allegarions - at least, as far as a layman could determine - impressively well sourced. Investigative journalism is expensive and out of fashion. Those that pursue it deserve our encouragement.

BEG CARAGES 6.00am Business Breakfast (43760) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (74031) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceelay) (7742692)

9.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (7975654) 9.45 Kilroy (s) (1035147) 10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s)

(31857) 12.00 News (Cee(ax) regional news and weather (6738857) 12.05pm Room for improvement (s) (8516147)

12.35 Going for Gold with Henry Kelly (s) 1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and

1.30 Regional News and weather (94309302) 1.40 Neighbours (Ceelax) (s) (44416166) 2.00 The Flying Doctors. Adventure and action with Australia's (lying medical

services (Ceetax) (s) (38499) 3.30 Playdays (r) (1540760) 3.50 Dinobables (s) (1537296) 4.10 The Wizard of Oz (Ceelax) (2747147) 4.35 The Boot Street Band (r) (Ceelax) (s)

5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (1859708) 5.10 The Ant and Dec Show. Variety show hosted by Ant McPartin and Declan Donnelly, (Ceelax) (s) (1048012)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceelax) (s) (294586) 6.00 News (Ceetax) and weather (741) 6.30 Regional News magazines (321) 7.00 Top of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (3437) 7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (505)

6.00 Wildlife on One; Stoats in the Priory. The first film of the elusive wild stoat in its native habitat, among the gardens and rulns of Mount Grace Priory in North Yorkshire. (Ceefax) (s) (9857)

8.30 Noet's NTV Stars. Noel Edmonds looks at some favourite moments from the last five years of Noet's House Party (s) (1692)

9.00 Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative Party (173741) 9.05 Nine O'Clock News (Ceetax) regional

news and weather (597147) 9.35 Absolutely Fabulous. Edina has reached the milestone of her 40th birthday (r), (Ceetax) (s) (199789)

10.05 Making Bables. A locus on Professor Robert Winston who runs Britain's busiest IVF clinic al London's Hammersmith Hospital, After 11 weeks of tension, Flev and Tania reach the stage of the operation to collect the eggs. Anna and Jack have already gone beyond this, with eggs tertilised and in the test-tube. But Anna knows that, at the age of 42, her chances of success are stim (Ceetax) (s)

10.55 Question Time from Southampton. The guests are the MPs David Willetts, George Robertson and Diana Maddock, and a Green Party spokesman, Peg Alexander (Ceetax) (2814418)

12.00 FILM: Longtime Companion (1990) with Bruce Davison. A group of New York gay men come to terms with the onstaught of Aids. Directed by Norman Rene (Čeetax) (441277) 1.35am Weather (5201797)

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7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (4656302) 7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (Ceelax) (62296) 6,00 Blue Peter (r) (Ceelax) (s) (1279708) 8.25 Brum (r))5521514)

8.40 The Record (8496789)

9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes, Plus, for children, 10.00-10.25 Playdays (6720963) 2.00 Brum (47094352)

2.10 The Andrew Neil Show (s) (5947944) 3.00 News (Ceelax) and weather (7603302) 3.05 Westmineter with Nick Ross (7693437) 3.55 News (Ceelax) (2830876]

4.00 Today's the Day (s) (234) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (418) 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (Ceetax) (s) (5231073)

5.40 Carrier's Caribbean: Barbados (584447)5.55 Global Warning: Malaria Bites Back (579302)

6.00 Star Treic Deep Space Nine (652963) 6.45 The O Zone (s) (289437) 7.00 Waiting for God (i) (Ceetax) (s) (1079) WALES: 7.00 TNG (1079) 7.30 Dad's

Army (147) 7.30 First Sight: One Foot in the Door. Devid Strahan reports on the tole of bailiffs (147) EAST: 7.30 Matter of Fact MIDLANDS: 7.30 Midlands Report NORTH, NORTH EAST, NORTH WEST: 7.30 Close Up North SOUTH: 7.30 Southern Eye SOUTH WEST: 7.30 Close Up WEST: 7.30 Close Up West

8.00 Secrets of the Paranormal: Doctor Who? (Ceefax) is) 8.30 Top Gear. BMW's new 5-series (Ceelax)



The last Shah of Iran (9.00pm)

9.00 Reputations: Mohammad Shah (Ceetax) (s) (2673) 10.00 Sykes (r) (Ceelax) (s) (40499)

10,30 Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative Party (856505) 10.35 Newsnight (Ceelax) (376234)

11.15 Late Review (983708) 12.00 The Midnight Hour with Trevor Phillips |s| (59242) 12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone' Open

University — Developing World (95154) 1,00 Networks (72722) 1.30 Technology (16600) 2.00 FETV Short Cuts: Proble Solving (98221) 4.00 BBC Focus: Italia 2000 (32113) 4.30 Wise Up (54248838) 4.45 Find Out About BBC Focus (41750074) 5.00 Health and Safety at Work (38890) 5.30 The Adviser (50971)

CHOICE Secrets of the Paranormal: Doctor Who? BBC2, 8.00pm

Ray Brown, a former building worker from Portsmouth, is two people. He shares his body with Paul, who was a doctor 2,000 years ago in Judaca during the rule of the Romans. In the guise of Paul, Ray practises as a spirit surgeon, bringing hope to sick people who have despaired of conventional medicine. To turn himself into Paul, Ray goes into a trance, and although the two men look the same their voices are early different. Ray denies that he is a miracle worker. I just provide the body for the spirit of a dead man. His patients include solicitors and milkmen and the complaints range from bad backs to cancer. Sceptics might want to know more about his success rate but the woman crippled with pain who, after treatment from

"Paul", is able to get off her bed and walk

Hollywood Pets ITV, 8.30pm

seems genume enough.

From the team that gave you Hollywood's women, men and children comes a parallel series on dogs, cats, pigs and any other domestic animal good for a few minutes of eye-catching footage. The premise of the series is that American pets, and their owners, are much more outlandish than their British counterparts. But the proposition, while no doubt true, becomes self-defeating. Somehow you expect rich Californians to behave like this and once you have seen a woman carefully painting her pig's toenails, or witnessed a solemn marriage between two does, nothing comes as a surprise. Not even a horse which is so house-trained that it fetches its owner a beer from the fridge or an elderly eccentric who keeps frogs and teaches them the value of positive thinking.

Reputations: The Last Shah BBC2, 9.00pm

Muhammad Reza Pahlavi, better known as the Shah of Iran, was a ruler who could not in. It he tried to modern traditional country he fell foul of Muslim fundamentalists determined to sustain old values. If he failed to move towards constitutional democracy he alienated progressive opinion. His reign, which ran from 1941 to 1979, was a jumble of contradictions. He tried autocracy and benevolence in turn but in the end satisfied nobody. This reassessment projects a shy and fimid man, genuinely trying to do the best for his people but tragically out of touch with popular opinion. When the Shah died in exile from cancer, the regime of Ayatollah Khomeini publicly rejoiced in the passing of the bloodsucker of the century. He gets a

Witness: Surviving Waco Channel 4, 9.00pm

Three years after the Waco inferno, followers of David Koresh, leader of the Branch Davidian religious sect, still believe that he was the son of God and will return from the dead to take them up to Heaven. It is easy to deal to take them up to rieaven. It is easy to be soomful of such a naive faith, more difficult to explain why so many were seduced by it. Gwyneth Hughes does her best in a film which goes back over the events of 1993 and talks to survivors of the conflagration in which Koresh and 80 followers died. The programme attests to the appeal of the sect but struggles to account for appeal of the sect but struggles to account for its extraordinary hold. Marjorie Thomas, a Nottingham care assistant who suffered 60 per cent burns in the fire, can only say that Koresh's message made sense at the time, Jeff Jamar, the agent who led the controversial FBI operation against the sect, offers his perspective. Peter Waymark 6.00am GMTV |5472728|

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (7983673) 9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (6707012) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (2310505)

10.35 This Morning (44110505) 12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (6727741) 12.30 ITN News and weather (Teleted) (3653302) 12.55 Shortland Street (s) (3661321) 1.25 Coronation Street (r)

(Teletext) (5894963) 2.00 Home and Away (Teleted) (s) (54507128) 2.25 Chain Letters. Word game with Vince Henderson. (Teletext) (\$\int \) (54519963) 2.50 Vanessa. (Teletext) (s) (4855437)

3.20 ITN News (Teletext) (7610692) 3.25 Regional ITN News (Teletext) (7619963) 3.30 The Riddlers (1) (8755147) 3.40 Wizadora (1) (5) (7570418) 3.50 Rupert

(s) |1546944| 4.15 Mike and Angelo (r) (s) (2731586) 4.40 Crazy Cottage Teletext) (s) (5236437) 5.10 A Country Practice (s) (4228514) 5.40 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (489893) 5.55 Your Shout (573128)

6.00 Home and Away (1) (Teletext) (s) (437) 6.25 HTV News with Bruce Hockin and Sue King. (Teletext) (441944)

7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (s) (8505) 7.30 3-D. Katy Haswell investigates the appalling conditions of animals in a European zoo (s) (673)

8.00 The Bill: Tale of Two Cities. An unlikely friendship between two leenage boys is all that stands between Greig and a local drug dealer (Teletext) (4925)



Canine wedded bliss (8,30pm)

8.30 Hollywood Pets. (Teletext) (s)(0760) 9.00 Eltinotor: Deuce. Drama series set in the world of sports promotion. (Teletext) (c) (6499)

10.00 Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative Party (958789) 10.05 ITN News at Ten and weather (Teletext) (605925)

10.35 Regional News (Teletext) (575128) 10.45 Getaways. Reports on salmon fishing tuition on the Exe: the Ardennes Forest In Belgium; and an activities holiday in the New Forest (Teletext) (437128) 11.15 On the Line. Topical discussion chaired

by Ken Rees (427741) 11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (690586) 12.40am Carnal Knowledge (4150600)

1.40 Not Fade Away, Boy George selects his tavourite music videos (s) (4317890) 2.40 Shift. Work by directors and producers new to television (35960741 3.35 Late & Loud (r) (s) (9740971)

4.30 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (84513) 5.00 Garden Calendar (r) (32616)

5.30 ITN Morning News (54797) Ends 6.00

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WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except: 12.25pm-12.30 My Story (6735760)

12.55 Emmerdale (3661321) 1.25-1.55 Chain Letters. Word game with cash prizes, presented by Vince Henderson (79094857)

1.55 Home and Away (68194012) 2.25 Vanessa (54500215) 2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (6324272) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4228514) 8.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (72586) 10.45 The LADS (437128)

11.15-11.45 The Making of Broken Arrow (427741) CENTRAL

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2.50-3.20 High Road (4855437) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (4228514) 6.25 Central News and Weather (867079)

6,55-7.00 Life Line (713079) 10.45 Film: Columbo - No Tima to Die (82423692) 12.50am Camal Knowledge (1734432)

1.45 Not Fade Away (4303906) 3.35 Customs Classified (2850722) 4.20 Jobfinder (5899600)

5.20 Asian Eye (1080890) MERIDIAN As HTV West except

12.55pm Chain Letters (3661321) 1.25 Home and Away (79094857) 1.55 Shortland Street (44482741) 2.20 Vanessa. Studio discussion series (54501944)

2.50-3.20 Surprise Chefs (4855437) 5.10 Home and Away (4228514) 5.37-5.40 Three Minutes -- Crimestoppers (586692)6.00 Meridian Tonight (437)

10.45 Film: The Dirty Dozen: The Fatal Mission (15522708) 12.40am Phoenix (4150600)

5.00 Francisco (32616)

6.30-7.00 Grass Roots (789)

\$4C Starts 6.35 Fifteen to One (8543654) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (67741) 9.00 The Golden Girls (47302) 9.30 Film: The Cisco Kid and the Lady (6263383) 10.50 Windy Day (3033128) 11.00 Tears of the Dragon (66012) 12.00 House to House (67156) 12.30pm Hullabatico (95437) 1.00 Stot Meliturin (77128) 1.30 Bush Tucker Man (94708) 2.00 Jimmy's (5031) 2.30 Channel 4 Racing From market (56166) 4.30 The Lonely Planet [586] 5.00 5 Pump Uned 5 (6383) 5.30 Fifteen to One (166) 6.00 Newyddion (206944) 6.15 no (190708) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (970437) 7.25 Corws (729654) 8.00 Cleck (5895) 8.30 Newyddion (4302) 9.00 Bansna (5012) 9.30 Abductees (75673) 10.00 Film: Wild at Heart (82667050) 12.20am Dispatches (3532180)

6.35am Fifteen to One with William G. Stewart (r) (Teletext) (s) (8543654) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (67741)

9.00 The Golden Girls (r). (Teletext) (s) 9.30 FILM: The Cisco Kid and the Lady

(1939, b/w) staning Cesar Romero, Robert Barral and Marjorie Weaver. Western adventure about a heart-of-gold Mexican bandit Directed by Herbert Leeds (6263383)

10.50 The Windy Day Animation (3033128) 11.00 Tears of the Dragon The second of a three-part look at Mao's environmental legacy in China (i) (Teletext) (66012) 12.00 House to House (67166)

12.30pm Sesame Street (r) (61609) 1.30 Hullaballoo with Floetla Benjamin. Followed by Affie Atkins (r) (94708) 2.00 Jimmy's (r) (Teletext) (s) (5031)

2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket Live coverage of the 2.35, 3.05, 3.40 and 4.10 races (s) (56166) 4.30 Fifteen to One. (Telelext) (s) (586) 5.00 Rickî Lake The guests are women of

emple proportions. (Telelevi) (s) (4559073) 5.45 Terrytoons followed by Murun

Buchstansangur (639316) 6.00 NBA 24/7 Miami Heat play host to the New York Nicks (609)

6.30 Roseanne (r). (Teletext) (s) (401) 7.00 Channel 4 News Includes headlines and weather at 7 30. (Telelext) (B43673) 7,50 The Slot. Viewers' video soapbox

(646128) 8.00 Africa Express The last in the series. Tovin Fani-Navode investigates the role of the Shell oil company in her home country of Nigeria; Joseph Warungu sees the latest development in the African advertising industry; Beathur Baker is in Angola for the annual camival in the

capital, Luanda (Teleted) (s) (5895) 8.30 The Real Hollday 5how (r). (Telelext) (s)



The enigmatic David Koresh (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE Witness: 5urviving Waco (Telelext) (7741) 10.00 NYPD Blue New York police drama senes Simone and Sipowicz investigate the death of the son of a local crime boss.

(Teletext) (s) (399925) 10.55 Whose Line is it Anyway? improvised comedy (r) (Teletext) (s) (162128) 11.30 Rory Bremner — Who Else? (r) (s) (418079)

12.10em Dispatches (r). (Teletext) (3445600) 12.55 FILM: The Glass Menagorie (1987) starring Joanne Woodward, John Malkovich and Karen Allen Tennessee Williams's stage drama about an oppressive mother, her poet husband and their crippled and painfully shy daughter Directed by Paul Newman

(Teletext) (54920432). Ends at 3.20

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7.00mm Undun (27147) 9.00 Press Your Luck (8463673) 9.20 Love Connection (9891302) 9.45 The Oprah Winfrey Show (6300163) 10.40 Jeopardyl (2677321) 11.10 Sally Jessy Raphael (9188234) 12.00 Beechy (27050) 1.00pm Hotel (62370) 2.00 Geráldo (81857) 3.00 Court TV (4944) 3.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (5530050) 4.15 The Oprah Wintrey Show (5530050) 4.15 Undua (9194439) 5.00 Star Trek: The Next Undur (\$19.4439) 5.00 Star Treic The Next Generation (\$296) 6.00 The Surgisons (2215) 6.30 Jeopatch (\$695) 7.00 LAPD (\$625) 7.30 M*A*S*H (\$079) 8.00 Through the Keyhole (\$673) 8.30 Armal Practice (4708) 6.00 The Commiss (\$0789) 10.00 Star Treit. The Next Generation (\$3876) 11.50 Metrose Place (\$3003) 12.00 Late Show with Devid Letterman (7126259) 12.45em The Treis of Rosie O'next 12.45mm The Triels of Rosie O'neil (5454056) 1.30 Anything But Love (93884) 2.00 He Mix Long Play (9107664) SKY NEWS

News on the hour 9.30em Beyond 2000 (86505) 10.30 ABC 9.30em Beyond 2000 (86505) 10.30 ABC News (60079) 2.30 Parliament Live (4812895) 3.15 Parliament Live (4812895) 3.15 Parliament Live (4812895) 8.15 Parliament Live Five 6.30 Tortight with Adam Boulton 133654, 7.30 Sportsine (71234) 6.30 Houtes Reports (5050) 11.30 CBS News (70993) 12.30mm ABC World News (79154) 1,30° Tonight with Adam Bouton Replay 1,30° Tonight with Adam Bouton Replay 190659 2,30° Rouse's Reports (58722) 3,30° Partiament Replay (60667) 4,30° CBS Evening News (47906) 6,30° ABC World News (67905)

KY MOVIES 8.00am The Girl Most Likely (1957) (45418) 8.00 Blood on the Moon (1948) (45627) 10.00 Walk Like a Man (1967) (1903) 12.00 Howard: A New Breed of Hero (1966) (68760) 2.00pm Author! (1962) (54728) 4.00 Bedtime Stary (1964) (5988) 5.00 I Spy Returns (1964) (7628236) 7.40 US Top Ten (754596) 8.00 The Filmstones (1994) (79437) 10.00 The Grow (1994) (857147) 11.45 Knigras (1992) (39296) 1.20am The Long Day's Dying (1968) (2140819) 2.50 Web of Decelt (1994) (4437451) 4.20 Bedtime Story (1964) (394567)

(1956) (96302) 2.00pm My Favous (1961) (45470) 4.90 Aleddir (12654) 5.00 Les Missrables

THE DISNEY CHANNEL Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm

(8039687) 7.00 The Tothelsons (8039687) 7.30 Fache Tale Theore (46882609) 8.30 Emertalizment (50663499) 9.30-10.00 Dinoseurs (30833875)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Deddy Long Legs (1955) (34896505) 8.10 3:10 to Yuma (1957) (60207963) 8.00 Whet's New, Pussycat? (1955) (51079) 18.00 From Hell to Victory (1979) (106401) 11.50 Computation (1959) (325031) 1.35-3.20pm The Phantom of Liberty (1974) (837426) THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00em Rto Tin Tin — Hero of the West (1955) (76750) 8.00 Aladdin (1993) (4106673) 8.50 Thumbeline (2757505) 10.05 Back to the Beach (1997) (20536050) 12.00 Meet Me in Les Veges 112654) 5.00 Les Missrebles (1996) (1234) 6.00 Credis of Conspiracy (1994) (55234) 8.00 So I Married an Aze Murdener (1993) (98234) 9.00 The Movie Show (26789) 10.00 Sampdragon (1995) (38203) 1111.40 The Red Shoe Diaries No 2: Double Dere (1992) (682625) 1.16em Desette Wildenmer (1994) 6877648-2 on 2 Mounts Mere (1982) (1983335) 1. (1987) Deadly Whitspecs (1994) (670548) 2.50 Meet Me In Las Vegas (1995) (492703) 4.45 Rebecch of Submybrook Farm (1936) (7241108)

6.00am Muppet Bables (49397031) 6.30 6,00am Muppet Bebles (4939/U31) 8-30 Winne the Pooh (49732234) 7,00 Duckteles (10161673) 7,30 Oueck Attack (10180708) 8,00 Chip 'n' Dele (93342383) 8,30 Wonderland (93341654) 9,00 Umbrela Tree (93365234) 9,30 Freegie Rock Tree [93365224] 9.30 Freggle Rock (24536483) 19.00 Muppet Babies (4972586) 10.30 Pooh Corner (93361416) 11.00 Whrite the Pooh 142730413) 11.30 Dumbo's Circus (42731147) 12.00 Desire (3128316) 1.00pm FLM- in Search of the Castaways (28942596) 2.35 Umbreila Tree (77489741) 3.00 Whrite the Pooh (87615708) 3.30 Duchales (8039361) 4.30 Chip in Date (80384012) 8.00 Boy Meets World (87687925) 5.30 Denger Bay (8039687) 5.30 Denger Bay (80396857) 7.00 The Totalesons (80396657) 7.00 The Totalesons

EUROSPORT 7.30am Equestriansm (2654) 8.30 Cycling (79050) 9.00 Merathon (50586) 10.00 Suno (77168) 11.00 Formula 1 (76876) 11.30 Motorcycling Magazine (77505)
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7.00am Sports Centre (74079) 7.30 World Wrestling Federatorn Superstars (33585) 8.30 Raton News (51654) 9.00 Asrobus Cz Style (75234) 9.30 Netbuziers (31979) 10.30 PGA European Golf Tour — Carness Cener — Live (17050) 12.30 pen Registie Special (38993) 2.30 Futbol Mundial (7302) 3.00 PGA European Golf Tour — Canness Open (62505) 5.00 Wrestling (1012) 8.00 Sports Centre (8001) 8.30 Formula 3 Rucing (9383) 7.00 Boots Wall (765321) 7.55 Sports Centre (847995) 8.00 Bostelbad — Live (13995) 10.00 Sports Centre (63499) 18.30 The Rugbry Chot (18983) 11.30 Formula 3 Racing (22128) 12.00 Nascar (30242) 1.00am (2354506) [13616) 3.00-3.30 Sports Centre (82258) 7.00am Sports Centre (74079) 7.30 World

SKY SPORTS 2 7.00pm Golf -- Nike Tour (3919760) 9.00 Golf -- PGA Seriors Open (9065031) 11.90 PGA European Golf Tour (3915944) 12.00-1,00am Book 'n' At (4020884) -THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

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RFU faces cup cash dispute

Final demand presented by leading clubs

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

THE two leading rugby union clubs in England yesterday heaped further troubles on the beleaguered Rugby Football

Bath and Leicester demanded a greater share of the gate receipts for the Pilkington Cup final, the showpiece of the domestic game, which they will contest in front of 75,000 supporters at Twickenham on May 4. The attendance will create a world record for a club match and yield £1.2

The RFU, already at loggerheads with the leading clubs in the Courage Clubs Championship over the structure of the game in the new professional era, now faces a potenrially messy dispute over money with two of the most influencal rebel clubs, which are due to play other major fixtures, apart from the cup final, at Twickenham within the next five weeks.

Peter Wheeler, the Leicester chief executive, believes the finalists are enotled to greater financial consideration. "We are talking to the RFU and I hope things can be sorted out." he said. Leicester have sold £300,000-worth of rickets for the final and Wheeler claims that administrative costs will eat into their financial return from the competition.

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take 15 per cent of the gate, to cover their hiring and management costs, and each of the finalists will receive four per cent, around £40,000. This situation is to be reviewed in time for next season but Tony Hallett, the 'RFU secretary, said no amendment would be made to an arrangement that had been agreed by all clubs at the start of this season.

"We believe, and I have had messages of support from many clubs, that there is no ntention whatsoever to leave the Pilkington Cup from the top end of the game," Hallett said. That is somewhat at odds with the statement last week

Smith retires Triple tie

by the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs that they would boycon RFU competinons next season in their present format, although they have no quarrel with the structure of the cup.

Hallen did. however, hold out some hope to Bath and Leicester that their costs could be covered, by as much as EID.000. in a manner that would not affect the sums already earmarked for distribution to all participating

There is no doubt this final will take place at Twickenham between Bath and Leicester."

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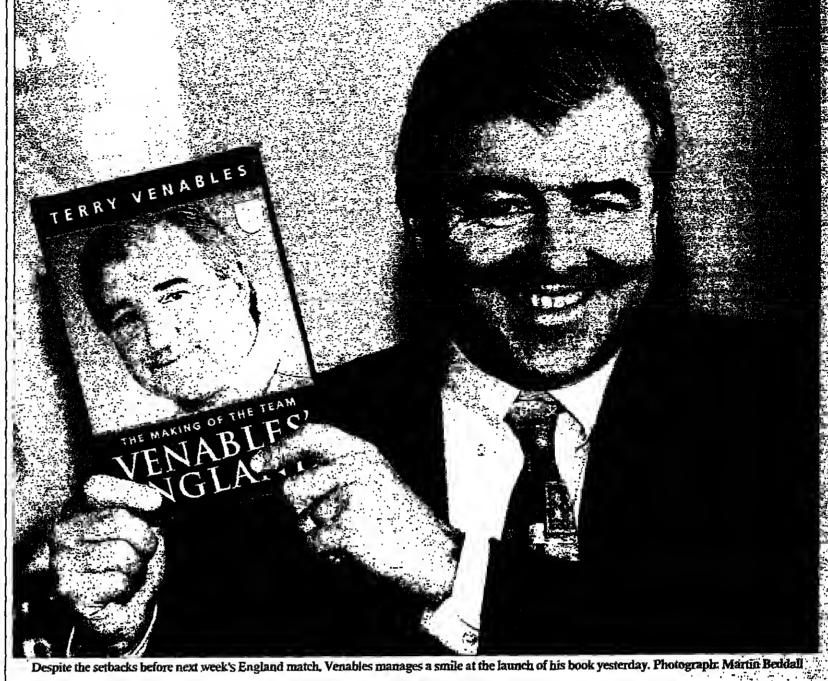
Pilkington has been a faithful ally to the RFU since 1988. The present, three-year con-tract, worth £750,000, will increase in value to around £1.1 million for a further three years, thanks largely to Pilkington's withdrawal from the junior club knockout tournament after next month's final between Helston and Medicals. The junior clubs will join forces under a new sponsor with a new intermedi-

That is of little significance when set against the vote of confidence in the RFU that Pilkington's decision represents. "We see a great future for the cup competition," David Roycroft, the glass company's head of corporate affairs, said, declining to be drawn into the tortuous politics of rugby. It is also an act of faith, given the uncertainty that exists among the five nations over negotiations with television companies.

Television exposure is critical in any sponsorship agree-ment. Whether within or without the five nations, the RFU seeks a mixed package of terrestrial and satellite television coverage.

would have been unnecessary a few months ago but now between governors and gov-erned. The game has changed a lot since September, people and management have changed, but the clubs entered the competition knowing the conditions," Hallett said. "For next season we will be able to discuss conditions for the clubs in the new era and a distribution that may be more equitable." Hallett was happier when

discussing an extension to Pilkington's sponsorship of the compedition, which was annonunced yesterday. The most significant thing is to assess the distribution of the spoils of this sponsorship." he said. "The distribution in the future needs to be adapted and to reflect the position you hieve in the competition.



Venables unfazed by twists in the plot

BY OUVER HOLT

THE assorted feet of a throng of photographers sank deep into the plush sofas ranged around his west London club. but Terry Venables did not bat an eye. Beside Alan Shearer's Gilmore Groin [strain] and the setback to Tony Adams's dodgy knee, a few scuffed cushions pale into insignificance. The England football coach had had enough news about the breaking of his team: yesterday, he arrived to celebrate the making of it for the launch of his new book.

Venables' England. So the cameras whirred, coffee cups chinked on their saucers and Venables posed patiently with the new publication, an intelligent journey through his two-year spell in

dissection of his tactics, his court cases, his relationship with Paul Gascoigne and the lessons England can learn from Carlos Alberto Parreira's preparation of the Brazilian team for the 1994 World Cup.

Its launch is as good an indication as any that the final phase of the build-up to this summer's European championship is underway, but if Tuesday had been dominated by doom and gloom about the injuries to Adams and Shearer, Venables, never one for making excuses, sauntered into the Scribes West bar after the pictures had been taken and opined that they might, in

fact, be a blessing in disguise. "People talk about how some of our clubs have taken part in 65 games this season

charge of the national team, a and the damage that could do to the players' fitness," Venables said. "But there is not one player in our whole group who has played more than 50. It goes right down to someone like Jamie Redknapp, who has played 30 or

> "A lot of members of the squad have been injured and that has given them a bit of a breather in some cases. It can be like a mini-break for some of them, perhaps even Shearer. He is one of those who wants to play all the time and it could just be nature's way of

> telling him to slow down. "f have tried to train myself in a positive fashion not to be

same sort of confidence in the players who come in instead. They might be the ones who end up playing in the tournament. That is why we have built a big squad of people that can handle whatever comes their way."
Venables, who named Jason

Wilcox, of Blackburn Rovers, and Sol Campbell, of Tottenham Hotspur, in his squad for the match against Croatia at Wembley next Wednesday. said he had tried to bring the

team's style of play closer to the European norm. "You have got to be careful you don't blast them with too much information, though," sidetracked by all these inju-ries. It is very unfortunate for me and the coaching staff but he said. "It's a bit like putty. If you just put a bit in the frame, it grows and gets stronger. If you put a big dob on, the wind the show goes on and we have

comes and blows it all out You have got to make sure it

His face only creased into a frown when he had to deny fresh reports that the FA was still trying to persuade him to stay on as manager after the European championship. "I'm getting fed up with it." he said.
"The situation is exactly the same. Someone has taken a flier and gathered all this up again. They have said I'm talking to Sir Bert [Millichip. the FA chairman but I haven'tspoken to him. We've got no plans to speak as far as I know. He may ring me this afternoon, but at the moment, I can assure you there are no plans to speak."

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Reid checks over final score

By DAVID MADDOCK

PETER REID, the Sunderland manager, is not ready to listen to the entreaties of his club's supporters just yet.
"Cheer up Peter Reid" they
beseech to the tune of Daydream Believer, by The Monkees. It is a reference to his now renowned, unmoving demeanour in the face of an Endsleigh Insurance League first division. So far, even after Sunderland virtually guaran-teed promotion on Tuesday evening, their tuneful pleas have been ignored. Reid did conduct a ribald

group through the whole, reworded song in the bar after the victory over Birmingham City at Roker Park on Tuesday. He was, however, as poker-faced as ever and he has, he said, good reason.

"When I was a young player with Bolton, back in the late Seventies, we were in pole position, absolute certainties to go up, two seasons on the run and we messed it up right at the death. Those failures have scarred me, they are still with me now," he said.

"I suppose that's why I want it nailed on with Sunderland. (won't start celebrating unoil we are absolutely certain of walking out in that Premiership next season. Mind you, it would take a hell of a disaster now to stop us." Sunderland, in fact, could

be certain of promotion come them to top-six placings in

Saturday evening without consecutive seasons before he kicking a ball. Crystal Palace, was driven out. largely the only side who can now stop them, must win to extend this particular drama into the final act. Even then, a point is all that is required from Sunderland's last three games and, given the fact that they are the best team in the division, it should not prove

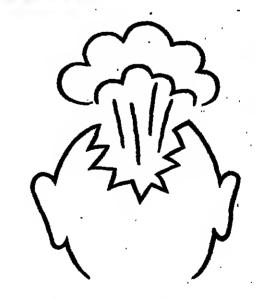
Reid will then have the imposing task of preparing the North East club for life among the high rollers. It is an altogether faster pace, in the FA Carling Premiership, and Reid knows it, having spun the dice with Manchester City as a novice manager. He did well, in fact, steering

because of a poor relationship with the chairman.

"Of course there is not a vast amount of money to spend here at Sunderland when we do go up, but then there wasn't at Manchester City," he said. "People have been writing Sunderland off already, but in many ways there is a similar ity between this club and City

There will be money made avaifable and if it is spent sensibly then there is no reason why we can't achieve what City did when I was there as manager. There has been a lot said about our prospects, mostly negative, but t am pretty confident

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Monarchs put The Fridge on ice

By RICHARD WETHERELL

WILLIAM "The Refrigerator" Perry, the former National Football League (NFL) giant whose bulk was employed to relaunch the World League of American Football (WLAF), has been frozen out by his new team, the London Monarchs, after only one game.

The Fridge, who became a household name in the United States and beyond when he helped the Chicago Bears to win the Super Bowl in 1985, was the focal point of the Monarchs' pre-season pub-licity drive off the field, but he has lost his place as defensive tackle to a home-grown talent. Lewis Capes, son of the shot-putter Geoff, for the match against

Frankfurt Galaxy on Saturday, In fact, Capes played a greater role than Perry during the Monarchs' foss to the Scottish Claymores last Sunday. despite being listed on the team sheet as Perry's understudy. On the latest sheet, the players' roles have been reversed. Capes is a beneficiary of the league's rule staring that a national player must be on the field for each team on alternating sets of plays, a set being one offensive and one defensive series. But it is Perry,



Perry: hindered by his weight rather than any of the lesser-known

figures on the defensive line, who steps

Perry had weight problems throughout his NFL career with the Chicago Bears and the Philadelphia Eagles indeed, even before it. He was born weighing f3lb and is listed at "350-ish" in official hand-outs. That 25st fooked something of an underestimate on Sunday, when extra weight hindered him. Indeed, he struggled to accelerate into a trot. Perry, who has the standard World League \$12,500 (about £8,000) playing contract but receives a reported \$100,000 for promotional purposes, is used purely as a run-stopper in the team.

As the son of famous father. Capes though is used to following in large footsteps. The 24-year-old played for the Monarchs last year and made progress in training camp this year. Maurice Spencer, the Monarchs' defensive assistant, said: "If any national player is going to succeed, it's going to be him." At 6ft 4in. Capes is two inches taller than The Fridge but weighs, officially, 21st.

After the match, Bobby Hammond, the head coach, was asked about Perry's performance. His answer, though avoiding direct criticism, was more condemning than any finely-crafted soundbite. The 24-21 foss has resulted in three players being dropped. David Gordon, who on Sunday missed, by an embarrassing margin, a field goal which would have won the match, is replaced Roger Ruzek, former Dallas Cowboys kicker.

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